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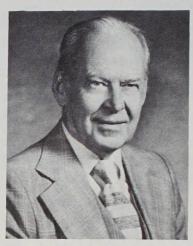
SYNOD

of the

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF NORTH AMERICA

Geneva College Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania June 3-10, 1977



MODERATOR OF SYNOD—1977 Pastor Lester E. Kilpatrick, D.D.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1977, 7:30 P.M.

The One Hundred Forty-Eighth Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment at Old Main, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, on Friday, June 3, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. The Retiring Moderator, E. Raymond Hemphill led in devotions and preached the Word from I Corinthians 16:9 on the theme "Our Unfinished Task", then constituted the court in prayer.

The Roll was made up and is as follows for the sessions of Synod.

THE ROLL OF SYNOD

Ruling elders are indented.

Adams, Roy M., Eastvale	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Backensto, Bruce R., Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Beard, Cloyce, Minneola	XXXXXXXXX
Bender, Bud, Quinter	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Birdsall, J.D., Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Bittner, Lee, Director of Educational Services	XXXXXXXXX
Blackwood, Roy, Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Blair, James, Manchester	XXXXXX
Blair, S. Ray, Washington	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Boyle, Samuel E	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Broadway, Ben, San Diego	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Brown, W.C., Selma	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Burke, David	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Carothers, Dale, Four Mile	XX X X
Carson, David, Geneva College	X X X X X X
Carson, James, Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Carson, Norman, Geneva College	X X XX X X
Caskey, Joseph, Rose point	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Caskey, R.W., National Reform	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Catloth, R.E., Lawrence	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Chao, Charles, Reformation Translation	
Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Coleman, George	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Coon, David, Elkins Park	XXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Clark, Seminary	XXXXX XXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Lloyd, Denison	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Cornell, William, Broomall	X
Cretors, Fred, Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Dobbs, James, Four Mile	X XX X X
Duffield, Wayne, Rimersburg	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, John, Southfield	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, Kermit, Eastvale	XXX XXXXX XXXXXX
Edgar, William, Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Elliott, Howard, Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Faris, Paul, Lisbon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Farley, Fenton, Geneva	X XX X X X
Finley, Paul, Sparta	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Finley, William, Sparta	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Franklin, Godfrey, Selma	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Fullerton, Robert, Manchester	XXXXXXXXXX
Gangadean, Surrendra, Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Good, Ronald, New Alexandria	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hemphill, Bruce Hays	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hemphill, Raymond, Greeley	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Henderson, Ralph, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Henning, Robert, Oakdale	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hindman, Edward, Denison	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Howell, Ralph, Washington	XXXXXX XXX
Hutcheson, Thomas, Superior-Beulah	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hutmire, Louis, Covenant Fellowship .	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, Ralph, Easton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, Raymond, West Lafayette	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Keddie, Gordon, North Hills	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Kilpatrick, Lester, First Beaver Falls	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Triputation, Lover, The Land	

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Long, Howard, Anchorage	XXXXXX XXXXXXX
Lambert, Ola, Deacon Delegate	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX
Lowe, Duncan, Sharon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mann, Neal, Hays	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Marshall, Clair, Rose Point	X XX
Martin, J. Bruce, Hebron	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Martin, Melville, Home for the Aged	X X XX XXXX
Martin, Paul, Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Martin, Philip, Montclair	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mastorovich, Michael, Manchester	XXXXX
Mathews, Carl, Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McBurney, Kenneth, Almonte	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, D. Raymond, Minneola	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken J. Paul, Westminster	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, Paul D	X
McCracken, Robert, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCready, Jack, Deacon Delegate	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McDonald, Roy, College Hill	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Eldo, Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Glenn, Santa Ana	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, John	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Luther	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, M.L., Ogamaw	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Robert, Quinter	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McKelvy, H.E., North Hills	XX
McMahan, Byron, Hebron	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, John, Marion	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, Robert, Coldenham-Newburg	XXXXXXXX
McMillan, Willard, Geneva College	X XXXXXXXXXX X
Millican C.F., Cambridge	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milroy, Jerrold, Shawnee	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milroy, Scott, Winchester	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mitchel, Waldo, Cambridge	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mitchell, John, Committee on Finance	XXX X X X XXX
Miwa, Nubuo, Japan	XX XXXXXXXXXXX
Montini, John, Geneva	XX XXXXXX XXXX
Morrow, Robert, Sparta	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Nickerson, Ronald, Director of Publications	XXXXXXXXXX
O'Leary, Brian, North Hills	XXX X XXXXXXXXXX
Olson, Dennis, Deacon Delegate	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Piper, Donald, Seattle	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Price, T. Andy, Coldenham-Newburg .	XXXXXXXXXXX
Price, Thomas A., Jr., Four Mile	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Rice, Robert, Rochester	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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Robb, G.M., Lake Reno	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Robertson, James, Sharon	XXXX XXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Dean, College Hill	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Kenneth, Covenant Fellowship	XX XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Spear, Wayne, Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Spear, Wendell, Walton	XXX
Stegall, Ronald, Lawrence	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sterrett, Charles, Elkins Park	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Stewart, Bruce, Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Takuira, Shigeru, Japan	XXX XXXXXXX
Thompson, Kenneth, Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Tweed, John, Geneva	XX XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Tweed, Robert, Geneva College	X XX XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Ulrich, Robert, Bell Center	XX XXXXXX XXXXX
Vos, J.G	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Weilersbacher, Donald, San Diego	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
White, John H., Geneva College	XX XXX XXXXXX X
Windham, Alan, Orlando	
Wissner, Jay, Allegheny	X XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wilcox, D. Ray	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Willson, Bruce, Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wilson, J. Paul, Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wolcott, Lauren, Marion	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wright, James, Orlando	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wright, R. Paul, Shawnee	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Zodhiates, Argos	XX

The following pastors were introduced as delegates to the court for the first time: Godfrey Franklin, Selma; Robert G. Rice, Rochester; Donald Piper, Seattle; Nubuo Miwa, Kobe, Japan; Edward Hindman, Denison; Ronald Stegall, Lawrence.

The following elders were introduced as members of the court for the first time: Lauren Wolcott, Marion; Bud Bender, Quinter; Carl Mathews, Topeka; Eldo McFarland, Sterling; Neal Mann, Hays; William Edgar, Broomall; David Coon, Elkins Park; Brian O'Leary, North Hills; Roy McDonald, College Hill; Ben Broadway, San Diego.

Mr. C. Frederic Millican, New York Presbytery; Mrs. Ola Lambert, Iowa Presbytery; Dennis Olson, Pacific Coast Presbytery; and Jack McCready, Midwest Presbytery were introduced as deacon delegates at Synod for the first time.

Elders not delegates present for the meeting of Synod were extended the privilege of the floor.

The Synod proceeded to the election of officers. Howard Elliott placed in nomination the name of Lester E. Kilpatrick. In due order Lester E. Kilpatrick was elected Moderator. Paul Martin and Robert McCracken were re-elected as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

The Clerk's Report was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SYNOD TO THE SYNOD OF 1977

The clerk of the 1976 Synod respectfully reports that he has carried out the duties assigned him by the Synod. In addition to other correspondence, a letter was sent to Dr. Clarke expressing Synod's appreciation and thanks for his service as President of Geneva College. A letter was also sent to Elder Sava as Synod directed in response to his appeal. A statement of autonomy was sent to the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus.

The three overtures sent down by the Synod of 1976 to sessions of the church have been sent out in sufficient quantity for each elder to receive a copy. Blanks for the recording of the vote on the overtures were supplied to each clerk of session and are being returned to the Clerk of Synod.

The 1976 Minutes of Synod and Year Book was edited by the clerk and printed by Mercury Press. A special word of thanks goes to the Director of Publications, Ronald Nickerson for his help and advice in the layout and publication of the **Minutes**.

Letters were sent to all who were assigned to committees by the 1976 Synod by the assistant clerk, Robert McCracken. Letters were sent to all board and committee chairman reminding them that reports to Synod are to be sent to the Clerk by April 1 for inclusion in the **Digest**. The **Docket** for the 1977 Synod has been prepared and will be included in the **Digest**. The **Digest** is to be reproduced and mailed by the office of the Board of Education and Publication.

An index of study papers of Synod from 1965 to 1976 was prepared at the request of North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council.

Recommendations:

1. That the Order of Business and the hours of meeting in the **Docket** be accepted as the Agenda for this meeting of Synod.

- 2. That the parliamentarians for this meeting of Synod be E. Raymond Hemphill, E. Clark Copeland, and James D. Carson.
- 3. That the precentor for this meeting of Synod be Jerrold Milroy.
- 4. That the Committee on Announcements for this meeting of Synod be Edward Hindman, Neal Mann, and David Coon.
- 5. That an offering to help defray the expenses of this meeting of Synod be taken on Wednesday morning immediately following the reading of the minutes.

6. That the following be referred to the Nominating Committee:

- a. A Committee to Canvass the Vote on the Overtures sent down by the Synod of 1976.
- b. A Committee on Arrangements and Devotions for the 1978 Synod.
- c. A Committee on Time and Place for the 1979 Synod.
- d. An alternate to preach the retiring Moderator's sermon for the 1978 Synod.
- e. Those to whom and by whom letters of remembrance should be sent. (1974 **Minutes** p. 60).
- f. Delegates: to NAE Convention, and to serve as Synod's member on NAE Board of Administration.
- g. Those to be elected to fill vacancies on Synod's Boards and permanent committees.
- 7. That committees to review Presbytery records also examine to see that exceptions noted in last year's examination have been corrected in so far as possible (1976 **Minutes**, p. 107).

8. That the following rules be adopted to govern the discussion of the report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony (1976 **Minutes**, p. 40):

a. That 15 minutes be allotted for floor discussion and debate on each chapter of the Testimony, and that individual speeches be limited to three (3) minutes. No amendments will be allowed from the floor. Each chapter will be voted on in its entirety, and approval requires a two-thirds vote.

b. That failure to achieve a two-thirds majority vote on any chapter will have the effect of returning that chapter to the committee for revision in the light of floor discussion.

c. That when each chapter has received the necessary two-thirds vote of the Synod, the entire Testimony be submitted to the sessions in overture, and that the session be asked to vote on each chapter separately, thereby allowing sessions, if in disagreement with a portion of the Testimony, to vote in favor of chapters with which they stand in agreement.

d. That any chapter not approved in overture be returned to the committee for revision and resubmission to the Synod and sessions.

e. That the revised Testimony replace the present Testimony only upon approval of all the chapters and the declaration by Synod of their adoption.

Respectfully submitted, Paul M. Martin, Clerk of Synod

The following ruling elders were noted as having died since the last meeting of Synod: Lavern Bish, North Hills; Gordon Betts, Santa Ana; Joseph Flemming, Seattle; Harold C. Jamieson, Southfield; Ralph S. Wilson, Washington; Andrew Robb, Topeka; Everett Cummings, Sharon; and George W. McFarland, New Alexandria. Glenn McFarland led in the Memorial Prayer.

Papers were presented to the court. Paper #77-1 on the Administration of Sacraments was referred to the Committee on Officers of the Church.

The court was adjourned in prayer by Moderator Lester Kilpatrick.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1977, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 4, 1977 at 8:30 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was taken.

Robert McCracken led in devotions preaching from Genesis 12:1-14 and Hebrews 11:8-10 on the theme "The Call of God to Abraham—to a Venture of Faith".

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

Committees appointed by the Moderator were announced and are as follows.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Nominations

James Wright, Chr. Willard McMillan Howard Elliott (2) Paul McCracken (2) Neal Mann (1) Lauren Wolcott (1)

Courtesv

Bruce Stewart Don Weilersbacher

Judicial

Robert McMillan Kenneth McBurney Kenneth Smith Don Birdsall Godfrey Franklin James Dobbs

Resolutions

Robert Ulrich Roy McDonald Clair Marshall

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

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Bruce Hamphill Carl Mathews Ralph Henderson

Midwest

Charles Sterrett John Montini Brian O'Leary

New York

Ron Stegall James Robertson Lloyd Copeland

Ohio-Illinois

Duncan Lowe Roy Adams Byron McMahan

Pacific Coast

Ron Good R. E. Catloth Arlan Ramsay

Pittsburgh

Ray Blair David Coon Ben Broadway

St. Lawrence

Bruce Backensto Robert Morrow Roy McDonald

Japan Commission

Samuel E. Boyle William Edgar Bud Bender

The Rev. Mr. Michael Bolus and John C. Snyder from the Presbyterian Church in America were introduced as fraternal delegates to the Court.

Paper #77-2 regarding a publication of the Temperance Committee was referred to the Temperance Committee.

The Report of the Stated Clerk was taken up, corrected, adopted and is as follows:

STATED CLERK'S REPORT December 31, 1976

We ended 1976 with 7 Presbyteries, 66 Congregations, 5 Mission Stations and a Mission Field in Japan. There are 102 Ministers, 21 Theological Students, 4,012 Communicant Members, 266 Elders, 258 Deacons and 9 Missionaries. The average attendance in Sabbath School was 2,788 and the average attendance in Sabbath Worship Service was 3,621, 355 were enrolled in Young People's Societies. These figures include 3 Congregations in Japan that have 97 Communicant Members, 38 Baptized Members and 3 Ministers.

CONGREGATIONS

There are 68 Congregations and Mission Stations in the Home Field. The Coldenham and Newburgh Congregations merged on October 22, 1976 to form the Coldenham-Newburgh Congregation. The Hays, Kansas Congregation was organized on June 16, 1976.

MINISTERS (as of 12/31/76)

				Other		
	То	tal		Church		
	1975	1976	Pastors	Work	Retired	Other
Iowa	4	4	4			
Midwest	25	24	10	3	5	6
New York	8	8	6	2		
Ohio-Illinois	13	17	10	1	1	5
Pacific Coast	8	7	4	1	1	1
Pittsburgh	34	33	11	14	6	2
St. Lawrence	4	6	5		1	
Foreign Field	2	3	_1			2
Totals	98	102	51	21	14	16

Note that there are 4 listed under "Other Church Work" that are serving congregations as Stated Supply and 3 Missionaries.

ORDAINED AND INS	TALLED, 1976	
David Burke	Hetherton	7/21/76
Thomas A. Price, Jr.	Four Mile	7/30/76
Robert G. Rice	Rochester	9/23/76
Ronald Stegall	Lawrence	10/05/76
ORDAINED, 1976		
Nubuo Miwa		1/11/76
Shigeru Takiura		1/11/76
INSTALLED, 1976		
D. Raymond		
McCracken	Minneola	4/14/76
Marion L. McFarland	Ogemaw	4/28/76
David R. Patterson	Clarinda	9/17/76
	Hebron	10/04/76
Kenneth A. McBurney		10/12/76
John H. Tweed	Geneva	11/12/76
RECEIVED INTO MEN	ABERSHIP	
Godfrey Franklin	Ohio-Illinois Presbytery	11/24/76
RELEASED FROM PAS	STORAL CHARGES	
D. Raymond		
McCracken	Walnut	3/15/76
C. Ted Grayson	Hot Springs	4/29/76
David R. Patterson	Clarinda	6/01/76
J. Bruce Martin	Superior-Beulah	9/30/76
John H. Tweed	Shawnee	10/27/76
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MINISTERS REMOVED BY DEATH

J. Burt Willson Charles T. Carson 2/03/76 7/14/76

LICENTIATES

Philip Beard
David Coon
Paul Copeland
Stanley Copeland
John Delivuk
Larry Falk
Robert Henninger
Edward Hindman
George Hueber
David Peachy

MEMBERSHIP

The Total Church Membership as of December 31, 1976 was 5,151, consisting of 4,012 Communicant Members and 1,139 Baptized Members. The net result of the total membership was down 224 from last year. 44 members went to the new Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus which was granted autonomy in 1976 and 31 were removed from the roll of the Chicago Congregation after they withdrew to form an independent congregation. This still leaves a net decrease of 149, most of which could be accounted for under "Decrease-Other" that were noted as "purging the roll". The encouraging statistic is that we had 61 come into the church by profession of faith and 30 from other denominations.

FINANCES

\$268,000 was granted by Synod for Synod's Budget in 1976. The full amount was distributed but only \$231,463 was contributed (Refer to the Trustees of Synod Annual Report for details), so we ended 1976 with a deficit of \$36,537 in the Synod's Budget Account. Although we fell short, it is encouraging to note that our contributions (excluding Undesignated Funds of Synod) were \$227,139 in 1976, which was an increase of \$16,305 over the previous year. The Women's Synodical Missionary Society contributed \$24,754 which was an increase of 6% from last year, Individuals made contributions of \$11,429 which was an increase of 17% and Congregations contributed \$190,956 which is an increase of 7%. \$227,139 raised by 3,915 Communicant Members in the Home Field was \$58.02 per member which was up \$6.01 over last year.

Congregational Treasurer's (Home Field) reported receipts of \$1,675,375 which included \$42,002 in aid and disbursements of \$1,644,458. \$1,675,375 less \$42,002 equals \$1,633,373 which when divided by 3,915 members equals \$417.21 per member which is up \$37.80 from last year. It is interesting to note that while we fell short in Synod's Budget by \$36,537, the total of Congregations "Cash Balance" and "Other Assets" as of December 31, 1976 totalled \$1,204,709. 3% of this balance is \$36,141 which would have almost balanced the Budget.

ADDENDA

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Donald Piper	Seattle	2/18/77
Edward Hindman	Denison	5/12/77

INSTALLED

Godfrey Franklin	Selma	5/6/77
Thomas M. Hutcheson	n Superior-Beulah	5/20/77

Respectfully submitted, Louis D. Hutmire Stated Clerk

The Report of the Trustees of Synod was taken up and corrected. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 3 was adopted. Items 4, 5 and 6 were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ross Cunningham was introduced as an observer from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Order of the Day, the Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up.

It was moved that Synod adopt the fromat of the Testimony proposed by the Committee. The motion carried.

The report was laid on the table to consider a resolution on a shorter testimony. Item 1 was adopted. The resolution was referred to a committee to be appointed by the Nominating Committee to report to this Synod.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. The "Introduction" was discussed and approved by a 2/3 vote. Chapter 1 was discussed and re-committed. Chapter 2 was discussed.

It was moved that the Committee be permitted to make grammatical changes which do not affect the sense of the document without bringing the report to the court.

The Court was recessed in prayer by Willard McMillan.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1977, 1:30 P.M.

Synod was reconvened in prayer by Raymond Hemphill.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted as corrected.

It was moved that devotions be listed in their chronological order rather than in one section as has been the custom. The motion carried.

Paper #77-3 concerning abortion was referred to the Board of Education and Publication.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. Chapter 1 was again discussed at the request of the Committee. The Committee's revisions were noted. The chapter was approved by a 2/3 vote. Chapter 2 was taken up again and re-committed for further work. Chapter 3 was taken up and approved by a 2/3 vote. Chapter 4 was taken up, discussed and re-committed for further work. Chapter 5 was taken up, discussed and re-committed for further work. Chapter 6 was taken up, discussed and re-committed. Chapter 7 was taken up, discussed and approved by a 2/3 vote. Chapter 8 was taken up, discussed and re-committed for further work. Chapter 9 was taken up, discussed and re-committed for further work. Chapter 10 was taken up.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was given and approved.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Moderator Lester Kilpatrick.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1977, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjornment in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania on Monday, June 6, 1977 at 8:30 a.m. The Court was constituted in prayer by G. M. Robb.

The Roll was taken.

Samuel E. Boyle led in devotions preaching from Exodus 3:1-8 and Acts 7:30-36 on the theme "The Call of God to Moses to Free His People and Build them Into a People of God".

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and

approved.

A bouquet of flowers from the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Beaver Falls was presented in honor of the Moderator.

The Rev. Mr. Charles Dennison, fraternal delegate from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church was introduced to the court.

The Rev. Mr. William Wolfgang, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, was introduced to the court.

The Report of the Committee to Canvass the Overtures was read, adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE TO CANVAS THE OVERTURES

1. Basis of tally: Total Sessions reporting	60
which includes one provisional (Park City)	1
	59

2. Number needed to pass: 40 Sessions 138 Elders

3. Overtures:

- 1. Session Controlled Communion 41 yes 16 no 2 ties = 59 Elders needed 138 — 190 yes 85 no
- 2. Terms of Membership 48 yes 10 no 1 tie = 59 Elders needed 138 — 226 yes 49 no
- 3. Procedures for Overtures 55 yes 4 no = 59 Elders needed 138 256 yes 18 no

Ralph Joseph, Chairman Paul Finley Waldo Mitchel

Unfinished Business, Item 4, the Report of the Committee on the Officers of the Church was taken up. Item 1 was adopted. In keeping with that recommendation, the Synod proceeded to hear Renwick Wright on exegetical findings on the question concerning the office of elder. The time was extended to finish the remarks by Dr. Wright.

It was moved that Dr. Wright's remarks be printed and distributed to the court. Motion carried.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. At the request of the committee, Chapter 2 of the revision was taken up. The committee noted some changes in the report. The chapter was adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote. At the request of the committee, Chapter 4 was taken up. The committee noted some changes in the report. Following discussion, the chapter was recommitted for further work. At the request of the committee Chapter 5 was taken up. The committee noted some changes in the

report. The chapter was adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote. At the request of the committee Chapter 6 was taken up. The committee noted some changes in the report. Following discussion, the chapter was recommitted for further work. At the request of the committee Chapter B was taken up. The committee noted some changes in the report. Following discussion, the chapter was adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote. Chapter 10 was taken up. The committee noted some changes in the report. The time was extended fifteen minutes for fuller discussion of the chapter. The chapter was recommitted for further study. Chapter 11 was taken up and adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote. Chapter 12 was taken up.

Synod took recess in prayer by the Moderator.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1977, 1:30 P.M.

Synod was reconvened in prayer by Charles Sterrett.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Paul Taylor, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and the Rev. Mr. Clifford Bajema and the Rev. Mr. Tymen Hofman, fraternal delegates from the Christian Reformed Church were introduced to the court.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. Chapter 12 was taken up. The committee noted some changes in the report. Following discussion, the chapter was adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote. Chapter 13 was taken up. Following discussion, the chapter was adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote.

The Rev. Mr. Lawrence Eyres, fraternal delegate from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church was introduced to the court.

Unfinished Business, Item 2, The Report of the Committee on Verbal Revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VERBAL REVISION OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Your committee held three meetings during the year with the representatives of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Evangelical Synod).

A first draft verbal revision of the Confession has been completed. Further revision has been done on Chapters 2 through 19.

Your committee deeply regrets the death of Rev. Herbert Bird, one

of the representatives of the O. P. Church. Wise in counsel, he greatly helped our deliberations.

We request continued suggestions from Sessions on our work.

David M. Carson Johannes G. Vos J. Renwick Wright, Chairman

Unfinished Business, Item 3, The Report of the Committee to Study the Responsibilities and Interrelations of Church and State in Education was taken up. The recommendations were taken up item by item. Items 1-4 were adopted. It was moved that the report be recommitted. The motion carried.

The Report was again taken up as amended by the committee. It was moved that the report be recommitted. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business, Item 6, The Report of the Committee to Study Paper #12 on the Sacraments was taken up and received, it is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY PAPER #12 FROM THE ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY ON THE SACRAMENTS

Our committee has this progress report to make: The committee has met on two separate occasions and conducted some degree of correspondence. We have been hampered by the inability of all the members to attend the meetings, the depth of the subject matter, and the wide diversity of approaches to the subject. We therefore request that the committee be continued for another year.

Respectfully, Donald Weilersbacher, Chairman

Unfinished Business, Item 7, The Report of the Committee Regarding Synod's Procedures was taken up. The recommendations were taken up item by item. Item 1 carried. In keeping with this item, the court proceeded to discuss the report. Item 2 was adopted. It was moved that Jerrold Milroy and William Long be removed from the committee and that the Nominating Committee nominate their replacements. The motion carried. The report was received and is as follows:

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CHAPTER 12, BOOK OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR DEBATING REPORTS ON THE FLOOR OF SYNOD

Your committee would report that we have been able only partially to accomplish our assigned task; therefore we are presenting a progress report on one part of our assignment with the suggestion that Synod take no longer than fifteen minutes to receive comments on what is presented and then the whole matter be referred back to the committee to bring in a final report next year.

The task we have before us is somewhat difficult due to the fact that we are dealing not only with specific constitutional statements, but also policy statements, made by Synod that have been given the force of constitutional law. It is our tentative conclusion that the rules governing the meetings of Synod should be only those stated in the constitution unless a specific synod makes particular rules for that particular meeting. With these things in mind we are making the following suggestions as delineated paragraph by paragraph.

- 1 As is.
- 2—Beginning after the second sentence read: "A paper is considered regular in form when it has either (1) been transferred by a lower court of the church or a board of synod, or (2) bears the signature of at least two members of the court. If regular in form and properly transferred, so much of each one shall be read as indicates the matter with which it deals. They may be disposed of in any of the following ways: (1) Acted on immediately, (2) Referred to a committee or board for study, or (3) placed on synod's docket for later consideration. (Rest of the paragraph to remain as is.)
- 3—Delete 3.a.(2) 3.b—As is.

 3.c—On all questions a member may speak not more than twice except by permission of the court. He may speak only on the question before the court, except for an explanation or on a question of privilege. Ordinarily each speech shall be no longer

than ten minutes in length.

- 4-As is.
- 5-As is.
- 6-Delete first sentence.
- 7 As is.
- 8-As is.
- 9 As is.
- 10—Insert prior to the second to the last sentence, "A motion to lay on the table to entertain a substitute is debateable and needs only a majority vote to carry."
- 11 As is.
- 12-Divide into two parts for clarity.
- 13 As is.
- 14—Insert in the first sentence after the word debate "on the matter immediately before the court."
- 15 As is.
- 16—(new item)—Once a new constitutional statement is adopted

by Synod and declared law and order of the church following approval by the sessions, it may not be reconsidered for two (2) years unless by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Synod.

16-20 - These paragraphs as they are presently stated.

Synod has also adopted policy statements regarding how certain committees are to operate or how reports are to be handled in the printed "Minutes". These statements do not strictly belong in the rules for the conduction of synod meetings and are therefore not included in this report but we think should continue to be operable. These statements include the following:

Committee on Nominations—1954 p. 138 and 1967, p. 20 Finance Committee—1969, p. 12; 1970, p. 13; 1972, p. 114 Stewardship Committee (Trustees)—1973, p. 68 Papers presented to Synod—1969, p. 14

Since our work is not done, our recommendations are only two:

- 1. That fifteen minutes of Synod be used to hear comments by members of the Synod on what is presented.
- 2. That the committee be continued to finish its assignment by next year.

T. A. Price William Long J. S. Milroy H. B. Harrington Ralph E. Joseph, Chr.

Unfinished Business, Item 9, The Report of the Committee to Plan Pre-Synodic Conference, 1977, was taken up. The recommendations were taken up item by item. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was referred to the Finance Committee, The report was received and is as follows:

COMMITTEE TO PLAN PRE-SYNODIC CONFERENCE, 1977

At the direction of Synod, the theme of the Pre-Synodic Conference was Prayer. A special emphasis was made on the needs and place of our denomination among Reformed and Evangelical churches, and as part of the world wide Kingdom of God. Much time was taken in prayer for the life and ministries of individual congregations and agencies in the RPNA. Your committee determined in its planning to see that the major portion of time available should be used for praying, and a smaller portion for messages about prayer.

Two men were invited to lead the conferees to a greater sense of the need for prayer, and to a Biblical understanding of its urgency and usefulness. Dr. Willard McMillan of Geneva College preached the first evening, and Pastor Donald Mostrom, a Baptist pastor from Ballston Lake, N.Y., field director for Penial Bible Conference, presented an address regarding prayer the following morning, and lead the assembly in one of its prayer sessions. The conferees were divided into small representative groups which remained together for most of the conference. Prayer booklets were developed for use as helpful records and guides regarding prayer concerns.

Your committee recognizes that this conference is only one among many important conferences that have been held, but has been in prayer that our Sovereign God would be pleased to use it as a quickening force, and by it to unite us all in the corporate conviction that without this God our denomination can do nothing, but that with the outpouring of His mercy and power, "all things are possible". We are also interested in Presbyteries giving due attention to prayer efforts toward the reviving of our Church, and through it the blessing of the whole world.

Recommendations:

1. That Presbyteries be encouraged to devote part of their meeting hours in the coming 1977-78 season to united prayer for God's reviving.

2. That the remaining expenses of The Conference be paid by the

Synod.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Levy Ken McBurney J. Paul McCracken, Chr.

The court was adjourned in prayer by Robert McCracken.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1977, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, June 7, 1977 at 8:30 a.m. The Court was constituted in prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was taken.

Bruce C. Stewart led the court in devotions preaching from Deuteronomy 34:9 and Joshua 1:1-9; 23:14 on the theme "The Call of God to Joshua—To Lead God's People to Inherit Their Land".

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and adopted.

Paper 77-4 from Pittsburgh Presbytery concerning the pastors salaries was referred to the Committee on Pastors Salaries. The paper discussed the inequities of salaries supplemented by rent-

free parsonages as opposed to housing allowances for the buying of a home by the pastor.

Paper 77-5 from two members of the court concerning the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to those not members of a branch of the visible church was laid on the table until Unfinished Business Item 10 is brought before Synod.

Paper 77-6 from several members of the court seeking a committee to confer with the Christ Community Church of Chicago to seek to resolve the breach that has come between them and the RPCNA was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Prayer was made on behalf of Elder Archie McKissick from Minneola who was badly burned recently.

The Order of the Day, The Report of the Committee on the Officers of the Church was taken up. Fifteen minutes were set aside for the discussion of material presented by Renwick Wright. Item 2 was taken up, discussed and adopted. The Practical Applications were taken up. It was moved that the recommendations of Practical Application be considered and if accepted they be adopted in principle and recommitted to the committee for implementation. Item 1 was taken up and discussed.

The Court was recessed in prayer by Bruce Backensto.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1977, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Robert Fullerton.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Dr. Howard Emerick, a former student of the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary for two years, was introduced to the court.

The court proceeded to the hearing of fraternal delegates, observers and representatives. They spoke in the following order:

- 1. Mr. Ross Cunningham, observer from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.
- 2. The Rev. Mr. Tymen Hofman, fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church.
- 3. The Rev. Mr. Lawrence Eyres, fraternal delegate from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
- 4. The Rev. Mr. Michael Bolus, fraternal delegate from the Presbyterian Church in America.
- 5. The Rev. Mr. Paul Taylor, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.
- 6. Mr. Alvin H. Schaediger, Field Secretary Church Relations of the American Bible Society.
- 7. Dr. George Fuller, representative from the National Presby-

terian and Reformed Fellowship.

The time was extended until 4:00 p.m.

The Report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College was distributed and discussed. The recommendations were taken up item by item. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was adopted and the court proceeded to the Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College. The report was received and appears with the Report of The Board of Corporators. Mr. Merrill Robb, President of the Board addressed the court. Dr. Edwin C. Clarke, President of Geneva College, addressed the court on behalf of Geneva College. The third item of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Charles Leach, a graduate of the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary was introduced to the court.

The court was adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1977, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, June 8, 1977 at 8:30 a.m. The Court was constituted in prayer by Godfrey Franklin.

The Roll was taken.

John H. Tweed led the court in devotions preaching from Isaiah 6:1-13 on the theme 'The Call of God to Isaiah - To Declare the Truth of God''.

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and adopted.

A Partial Report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

Synod's Offering was received, the court was led in prayer by Kermit Edgar.

It was moved that the Clerk be instructed to include in the distributed minutes, a copy of the partial report of the Nominating Committee.

The Order of the Day, Unfinished Business, Item 1, the Report of the Committee on Questions on Covenanting was taken up. It was moved that Samuel Boyle be asked to address the court concerning matters before Synod. The motion carried and the court proceeded to hear Mr. Boyle. It was moved that up to thirty minutes be given for discussion then the report be recommitted until the committee presents exegetical material.

The time was extended twenty more minutes. The motion carried. It was moved that two men especially competent in Hebrew and Greek be added to the committee. The motion carried and was referred to the Nominating Committee.

The Court was recessed in prayer by James D. Carson.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1977, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by James Robertson.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The Order of the Day, The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was adopted. Item 4 was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 5 was adopted. In keeping with Item 5, Dr. Bruce Stewart, President of the Seminary, spoke to the Court on behalf of the Seminary. Item 3 was recommitted to the Board.

The Report of the Trustees of Synod was taken up. Item 7 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 8 carried. In keeping with Item 8, the Court proceeded to hear Donald McBurney on behalf of the Stewardship Committee of the Board of Trustees. The report was adopted and is as follows:

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America held three regular meetings since the last meeting of Synod. The meetings are held on Saturday so that all members would be able to attend. Committee work is usually done by correspondence and telephone.

The current officers elected September 1976 are: John M. Mitchell, President; Stewart M. Lee, Vice President; and Louis D. Hutmire, Secretary-Treasurer.

The permanent committees of the Board are Executive, Investment, Building Loan and Stewardship. Most of the groundwork is done by these committees, and their reports and recommendations are considered by the Board at the regular meetings.

The Executive Committee has the authority to act on items as necessary between regular meetings and its actions are ratified at the next meeting. This committee has spent considerable time with a committee of the Foreign Mission Board in working out all the details regarding the transfer of properties in Cyprus. The details of resulting decisions and actions will probably be reported by the Foreign Mission Board.

The Investment Committee makes the detailed decisions regarding the portfolio of securities, which have been itemized in the Audit/ Treasurer's Report, and the investment of Endowment and General Investment money in church mortgages as authorized by the 1975 Synod.

The Board has retained McKee-Harrison, Inc. of Indianapolis for another year as the Investment Counselor. The Board elected Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, Inc. to be the Broker of Record for 1977. The commission fees are paid according to a discounted, negotiated schedule. A computer printout of the total portfolio is provided at the close of each month which gives the current market value, the broker's ratings of securities, and the current yield on each stock. This report is distributed monthly to the Investment Committee and McKee-Harrison, Inc. to help in evaluating the portfolio.

In 1975, the Trustees asked for and received Synod's approval to establish a "Nominee Partnership" to facilitate the investing process. However, by using Paine Webber as the broker, it is felt that the Board's needs have been met and therefore, do not anticipate establishing a "Nominee Partnership".

Since receiving approval from the 1975 Synod for investing Endowment and General Investment principal in church mortgages, the Board has approved mortgages for the Sterling and West Lafayette Congregations.

Another of the Board's recommendations approved by the 1975 Synod authorized the handling of investments for congregations when requested by the congregation to do so. The Board is pleased to report that the New York City Congregation has given its endowment fund to the Board to invest as part of the regular portfolio of pooled investments. The Board appreciates the confidence shown by congregation and particularly by such qualified men as William Metcalfe, chairman of Geneva College's endowment portfolio, and Dr. T. Clyde McCarroll, in making this transfer of funds. Other congregations with restricted endowments are encouraged to consider investing such funds with the Board. There are certain costs involved in operating a portfolio, but prorating the costs over a larger fund reduces the amount each investor must pay, thereby increasing the earning potential of the fund.

Regarding the Church's investments, the Board would like to bring the following matter to Synod's attention. Prior to 1974, all investments had been the responsibility of the Trustees of Synod. In 1974, Synod authorized the changing of the name of "Synod's Board of Pensions" to "Pension Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America". Synod gave the Pension Trustees full

authority for the Pension Plan "B" and the investments of their funds. Therefore, any question regarding pensions and their investments should be directed to the Pension Trustees. Also note in the Audit/Treasurer's Report that the Pension Plan "B" Securities are listed separately, they are not part of the portfolio of securities (Schedule I).

In 1976, the Building Loan Committee approved new loans for Marion McFarland, Paul Martin, J. Bruce Martin, and Roy Blackwood. The committee also increased the loan to the Selma Congregation. The Fund ended the year with \$250,087 in loans receivable and \$25,920 cash for total assets of \$276,007. Since January 1, 1977, new loans have been made to the Sterling Congregation, Lee Bittner, and the Easton Fellowship. Since the Easton Fellowship is not legally able to hold title, the property was purchased in the name of the Trustees of Synod. The proceeds from the sale of the Bear Run-Mahoning Church Property were distributed to the Building Loan Fund according to the standard procedure.

The Stewardship Committee has placed announcements in the Covenanter Witness to help communicate the needs for Synod's Budget. The following table shows the funds received in 1976 for Synod's Budget:

	Actual		Member Member	
Presbyteries	1975	1976	1975	1976
lowa	\$ 11,548	\$ 18,239	\$36.31	\$58.83
Midwest	42,167	44,995	41.59	46.19
New York	14,413	16,055	40.49	44.97
Ohio-Illinois	33,335	33,461	44.75	46.60
Pacific Coast	12,848	13,672	36.29	40.93
Pittsburgh	53,260	54,589	46.84	48.78
St. Lawrence	10,343	9,945	42.22	41.09
Total Pres. Contrib	\$177,914	\$190,956	\$42.68	\$47.10
Women's Synodical Undesignated Funds	\$ 23,198	\$ 24,754		
of Synod	57,997	15,008		
Individuals	9,722	11,429		
Beginning Balance	3,835	(10,684)		
Cash Available	272,666	231,463		
Amount Disbributed .	283,350	268,000		
BALANCE	\$(10,684)	\$(36.537)		

It is important to note that the year 1976 was ended with a deficit of \$36,537. This Synod must determine how to meet this deficit.

The following bequests were received in 1976 since the last Synod: A partial receipt of \$11,000.04 from the Mrs. Dorothy Heinitz Estate for the Seminary; and from the Mrs. Lulu M. Caskey Estate, \$24,468.32 for the Foreign Mission Board and \$12,234.42 for the Home Mission Board. A bequest from the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bruce of \$4,000.00 has been received in 1977. The farm in Texas belonging to the Anna M. Johnson Estate is in the process of being sold and the anticipated receipts from this bequest are budgeted in the Foreign Mission Board's 1977 Budget.

Since Miss Anna M. Blair is now in the Reformed Presbyterian Home for the Aged, the Blair house in Rose Point, Pennsylvania, has been sold. The proceeds are to be invested and the income is to be remitted to the Home for Miss Blair's account, with the principal to be distributed at a later date.

The property of the Barnet, Vermont Congregation (called the Walter Harvey Community House) never had a clear deed so the Trustees of Synod were not able to establish legal ownership. As a result, the Trustees issued a quit-claim deed to the "Reformed Presbyterian Society of the Walter Harvey Meeting House". According to their incorporation of November 6, 1975, their purpose is to commemorate the Reformed Presbyterian Society and to preserve the Walter Harvey Meeting House.

This year the Board has combined the Audit Report and the Annual Treasurer's Report into one report that will be distributed at Synod.

\$3,515.63 has been received from an oil and gas lease of the Indian Mission Property. This money has been added to the Building Loan Fund.

The Trustees continue to operate a group hospitalization plan and Church Travel Insurance. Currently 52 are enrolled in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plan "B" group which has major medical coverage up to \$250,000. The current cost for a family plan is \$66.07 per month. Any full-time employee of the Church may enroll. Contact Louis Hutmire for details.

The Church Travel Insurance is paid by Synod from Synod's Miscellaneous Fund. This automatically covers anyone travelling on denominational or presbytery business. For further details see pages 148-149 of the 1972 Minutes of Synod. The plan has a \$50 deductible feature which means that the individual pays the first \$50.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That successors to Stewart M. Lee, Donald H. McBurney, and Alan Windham, whose terms expire at this meeting of Synod, be chosen.
- 2. That the 1976 Audit/Treasurer's Report be approved and spread

on the Minutes of Synod.

3. That the Geneva College Board of Corporators be removed from Synod's Budget and that travel and secretarial expenses for the Corporators be paid from Synod's Miscellaneous Fund.

4. That the balance of \$18,174.72 in the Contingent Account be

given to help meet the deficit of the 1976 Budget.

5. That the balance in Undesignated Funds of Synod (currently \$5,614.26) be given to Synod's Budget to help meet the 1976 Budget deficit.

6. That the remaining 1976 deficit of \$12,748.35 be carried over to

the 1978 Budget.

7. That, in view of the operating deficits which Synod's Budget has developed in recent years, Synod establish an order of priority to be attached to the various denominational programs and that Synod develop annual budgets in balance with the expected operating income.

8. That Donald McBurney, Chairman of The Stewardship Committee

of the board, be heard by the court.

Louis D. Hutmire Secretary

Auditor's Statement

Trustees of synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

We have examined the comparative statement of assets and fund equity of the Trustees of Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America as of December 31, 1976, resulting from cash transactions, and the related comparative statement of income collected and expenses paid and the schedules of changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying comparative statements present fairly the assets and fund equity of the Trustees of Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America at December 31, 1976, resulting from recorded cash transactions, and the income collected and expenses paid during the year then ended, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester J. Dodson Certified Public Accountant

Allison Park, Pennsylvania May 17, 1977

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND EQUITY ON A CASH BASIS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976 and 1975

ASSETS

	1976	1975
Current Assets:		
Cash on deposit	\$ 59,793. 1,684.	
Total Current Assets	\$ 61,478.	82 \$ 51,035.63
Investments:		
Securities (Market Value - 1976: \$3,838,196.02; 1975: \$3,234,294.66)		
Schedule I	\$2,273,808. 5,095.	
Mortgages — general	93,134.	
Mortgages — Building loan fund (Note 2)	250,087.	
Total Investments	2,622,125.	18 2,536,350.21
Real Estate and Equipment — at cost and appraised value — Schedule II		
Land	\$ 63,500. 588,540.	
	\$ 652,040.	00 \$ 652,040.00
Equipment	223,128.	.00 223,128.00
Total Real Estate and Equipment (Note 3)	875,168	.00 875,168.00
Restricted and Unrestricted Contributions		
Cash in savings account — restricted Cash in savings account — unrestricted	\$ 11,014 3,297	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total Contributions	14,311	.53 13,923.31
Total Assets	\$3,573,083	

FUND EQUITY AND SURPLUS

	1976	1975
Endowment and General Restricted and Unrestricted Funds in Common Pool		
Endowments — Schedule III	\$1,304,458.73 47,427.17 68,841.72 147,665.93 687,294.32	\$1,304,398.46 2,427.17 68,839.98 165,291.55 549,854.26
General bequests — Schedule VI	94,645.50	94,645.50
Total Endowment and General Funds	\$2,350,333.37	\$2,185,456.92
Equity in investments Investment, Building loan fund (Note 2) Investment in real estate and equipment —	\$ 250,087.06	\$ 253,096.07
(Note 3)	875,168.00	875,168.00
Total Equity in Investments	1,125,255.06	1,128,264.07
Unexpended Restricted Contributions and Income from Restricted Funds		
Restricted Contributions Budget organizations — Schedule VII Non-budget organizations — Schedule VIII	\$ 12,419.30 56,411.35 \$ 68,830.65	\$ 2,214.94 133,143.51 \$ 135,358.45
Restricted Income Undistributed — Schedule IX	8,995.77	8,595.66
Total Unexpended Contributions and Income	77,826.42	143,954.11
Total Investment Equity and Unexpended Contributions		\$3,457,675.10
General Surplus — Exhibit II	19,668.68	18,802.05
Total Fund Equity and Surplus	\$3,573,083.53	\$3,476,477.15

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH COLLECTIONS OF INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT OF

EXPENDITURES AND AN ANALYSIS OF GENERAL SURPLUS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976 and 1975

	1976	1975
Income		
From investments in common pool:		
Dividends	\$ 188,153.18 4,781.52	\$ 174,441.54 6,425.42
Jayne Marjorie Lemker Smith securities Bequests	\$ 192,934.70 5,107.79 1,813.65	\$ 180,866.96 4,872.36 2,057.42
Total Income	\$ 199,856.14 1.84	\$ 187,796.74 8.68
Total	\$ 199,857.98	\$ 187,805.42
Expense		
Office expense	38,666.40	34,934.57
Income Available for Distribution	\$ 161,191.58	\$ 152,870.85
Distribution of Income		
Participating endowment funds Annuity interest Temporary investment interest Designated bequests	\$ 148,652.95 3,136.94 2,704.57 6,694.26	\$ 137,096.39 3,136.94 662.89 11,972.79
Total Distribution Undistributed income — current year	\$ 161,188.72 2.86	\$ 152,869.01 1.84
Total (as above)	\$ 161,191.58	\$ 152,870.85

	1976	1975
General Surplus, January 1	\$ 18,802.05	\$ 84,959.40
Add:		
Refund of real estate taxes paid		
on behalf of Blair Home	167.64	170.68
Sale of Jewelry		350.00
Insurance proceeds Ina Jane Plumb Dudley		414.70
Refund Pine Creek Church property expenses Received on account Bear Run Mahoning		335.00
Church property	2.00	4,065.54
Transfer of following:	2.00	1,000.01
Mary Adams bequest	15.593.66	
General bequest	614.26	
Repayment of Board of Education and		
Publication revolving loan	5,000.00	
Totals	\$ 40,179.61	\$ 90,295.32
Deduct:		
Expenditures on behalf of the following not		
charged to operating accounts:		
R.A. Blair Home	\$ 578.66	\$ 167.64
Pine Creek Church property	V 070.00	175.00
Bear Run Mahoning Church property		116.20
Distribution of funds as per instructions of		49.329.43
Synod	16,008.36	21,705.00
Transfer of Bear Run Mahoning Church	10,000.00	21,700.00
property funds to Building Loan account	3,923.91	
property runus to bunding Louis accounts.		
Totals	20,510.93	71,493.27
General Surplus, December 31—		
Exhibit I	\$ 19,668.68	\$ 18,802.05

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OFFICE EXPENSE FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976 AND 1975

	Budget			Actual			
		1976		1976		1975	
Office Expense:							
Rent Supplies Equipment Telephone Postage Deposit box Insurance and Bond Publications	\$	2,100 500 400 1,100 700 35 385 65	\$	2,100.00 489.64 582.49 1,103.00 683.94 33.00 749.00 60.70	\$	1,800.00 413.99 166.16 1,130.42 434.30 33.00 160.00 61.15	
Total Office		5,285		5,801.77	_	4,199.02	
Board:							
Professional Services Delegate to Synod Travel Investment Counselor Stewardship Committee	\$	3,000 225 3,000 5,000 500	\$	3,069.50 227.00 2,640.76 5,000.00 13.50	\$	2,976.00 56.00 2,893.44 4,600.00 131.20	
Total Board		11,725	_	10,950.76		10,656.64	
Salaries: Social Security Hospitalization	\$	19,600 1,150 1,000	\$	19,600.00 1,146.49 1,005.78	\$	18,180.00 1,063.44 809.17	
Total Salaries		21,750		21,752.27		20,052.61	
Miscellaneous		200		161.60		26.30	
Total Office Expense — Exhibit II	\$	38,960	\$	38,666.40	\$	34,934.57	

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

CURRENT ACCOUNT	Dudash	Antuni
	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$ 4,313	\$ 4,313.10
RECEIPTS:		
Covenanter Witness:		
Subscriptions	12,300	11,892.29
Advertising	300	62.75
Total Covenanter Witness	12,600	11,955.04
Other:		
Loan Repayment	825	825.00
Endowments	1,475	1,563.74
Synod's Budget	50,000 1,438	50,000.00 1.438.49
Witness Committee	1,430	773.17
A.P. Publications		727.44
Miscellaneous		111.00
	53,738	55,438.84
Total Other	66,338	67,393.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS		71,706.98
CASH AVAILABLE	70,651	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	68,542	64,800.29
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$ 2,109	\$ 6,906.69
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Board:		1.423.42
Travel		104.94
Miscellaneous	1 500	1.528.36
Total Board	1,500	1,320.30
Education:	7 150	5,881.91
Salaries	7,150 1,700	1,700.00
Housing	150	72.16
Social Security	1.500	1.110.30
Travel and Expenses	720	715.19
Office Rent	400	525.00
Miscellaneous	800_	260.04
Total Education	12,420	10,264.60
Publication:	17.500	17.402.70
Salaries	17,500	17,463.70 3,400.00
Housing	3,400 490	416.34
Social Security	1,010	950.84
Hospitalization	2,320	2.060.00
Rent	800	768.60
Telephone	900	900.00
Postage	800	231.71
Equipment	1,000	1,378.01
Insurance	212	212.00
Blue Banner	1,200	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	500	557.62
Total Publication	30,132	29,538.82

CURRENT ACCOUNT (Continued)

			Budget	Actual
Covenanter Witness:				
Printing Screens and Halftones Addressograph Postage Art Services Total Cov. Wit.			\$ 19.340 600 300 850 500 21.590	\$ 19.307.00 262.33 123.79 946.51 229.61 20.869.24
NACE NAL I			1,000	
Revolving fund			1,900	2,599.27
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 68,542	\$ 64,800.29
RE\	OLVING FUND			
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976				\$ 8,380.64
RECEIPTS: General Postage Minutes of Synod C.A., for Minutes and Digest Christian Government Movement TOTAL RECEIPTS CASH AVAILABLE TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976 DISBURSEMENTS: General Postage Minutes, Digest, Dockets Supplies Loan Repayment Art Services Carleton Display				18.163.31 1.892.24 1.715.55 2.392.00 2.280.95 26.444.05 34.824.69 25.443.60 \$ 9,381.09 12.308.63 1.859.25 4.208.00 1.526.43 5.000.00 100.23 441.06
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				\$ 25,443.60
OTHER E & P ACCOUNTS				
	Balance 1-1-76	Credits	Debits	Balance 12-31-76
Endowments Investments Loan Receivable	\$18,323.95 2,423.99 (2,423.99)	\$728.97	\$728.97	\$18,323.95 1,695.02 1,695.02

Actual

Budget

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$ 8,812	\$ 8,811.97
RECEIPTS:		
Synod's Budget	38,000	38,000.00
Endowments, General Endowments, David Gregg	20,000	15,666.62 5,519.44
Total Endowments		21,186.06
Bequests:		
Mrs. Lulu Caskey Mrs. Margaret Copeland		12,234.42 1,000.00
Total Bequests		13,234.42
Miscellaneous Gift. New Outreach (W.S.M.S.) Supplement Refund		109.50 2,249.89
Total Miscellaneous	12,800	2,359.39
TOTAL RECEIPTS	70,800	74,779.87
CASH AVAILABLE	79,612	83,591.84
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	58,010	52,170.28
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$ 21,602	\$ 31,421.56
DIODUDGEMENTO		
DISBURSEMENTS. Supplements	38,892	40,708.56
Board Expense	300	145.27
Board Travel	3.500	4,280.95
Church Extension	5.000	
	500	
Moving Placement and Training	5,000	2,162.50
Evangelism	1,000	
Publicity	500	
Southern Mission	2,818	3,583.00
Miscellaneous	500	1,290.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 58,010	\$ 52,170.28
SOUTHERN MISSION		
	\$ 4,485	\$ 4,484.98
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976 RECEIPTS:		
Endowments:		
General		2,758.14
David Gregg		1,226.53
Elizabeth Carlisle		1,726.23
Anna McCullough		21.13
Endowments	5,429	5,732.03
Gifts:		
W.S.M.S		17.00
Greeley Sabbath School		74.08
Hebron Juniors		10.69
Total Gifts		101.77

SOUTHERN MISSION (Continued)

	Budget	Actual
Home Mission Board	\$ 2,818	\$ 3,583.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,247	9,416.80
CASH AVAILABLE	12,732	13,901.78
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 12,732	13,568.76
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	-0-	\$ 333.02
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries	6,525	7,465.00
Social Security	390	436.77
Sinking Fund, Bus	800	800.00
(for Southern Mission Budget)	5,017	4,866.99
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 12,732	\$ 13,568.76
OTHER H. M. B. ACCOUNTS		
Endowments Southern Mission Endowments		\$ 94,700.79 15,725.24
Southern Mission Sinking Fund		800.00

BOARD OF PENSIONS 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

PENSION PLAN "A" CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$ 100,643	\$ 100,643.44
RECEIPTS:		
Endowment Income	13,500	14,409.61
A.C. McCullough Bequest		21.14
Gregg Fund	1,150	1,226.53
Investment Income	8,000	4,435.84
Designated Contribution		3,818.08
Temporary Invest., Interest		1,968.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS	22,650	25,879.95
CASH AVAILABLE	123,293	126,523.39
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	124,680	124,678.50
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$ (1,387)	\$ 1,844.89
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Pension Payments	74,000	75,064.40
Insurance Premiums	680	795.98
Short Term Investments	50,000	45,000.00
Designated Gifts		3,818.12
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 124,680	\$ 124,678.50
PENSION PLAN "A" OTHER	RACCOUNTS	
	Book Value	Mkt. Value 12/31
Endowments*	\$ 132,080.75	\$ 352,871
Investments	90,733.03	108,628
Temporary Investments	45,000.00	45,000
Total	\$ 267,813.78	\$ 506,499

^{*}Ministerial Relief, Pension Plan and Widows and Orphans Endowments were combined into one account, Pension Plan "A" Endowments.

PENSION PLAN "B" CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$ 19,384	\$ 19,384.02
RECEIPTS:		
Assesments, Personal	16,000	15,627.35
Assesments, Congregational	21,000	20,505.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	37,000	36,132.35
CASH AVAILABLE	56,384	55,516.37
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	58,200	58,809.98
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$ (1,816)	\$ (3,293.61)
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Travel	2,000	1,004.50
Board Expense	500	134.30
Professional Services	1,000	1,055.00*
Investments, Plan "B"	45,200	46,483.49
Insurance Premiums	9,500	9,716.97 415.72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 58,200	\$ 58,809.98
*Professional Services: McCready & Keen	e \$ 570	
National Associat		
	\$1,055	
PENSION PLAN "B" INVES	TMENTS	
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976		\$ 86 365.56
Investments		46,483.49
Earnings		1,798.40
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976		\$ 134,647.45
PENSION PLAN "B" SECU	RITIES	
Franklin Custodian Funds		\$ 134,647.45

BUILDING LOAN FUND 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

		Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$	9,478.20
RECEIPTS:		
Interest		4,009.45
Endowment Income		757.68
David Gregg Endowment		1,226.53
Bear Run — Mahoning Church Property		3,923.91
Oil Lease, Indian Mission Property		3,515.63
Mortgage Investments		3,009.01
Miscellaneous		7.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS	_	16,449.67
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$	25,927.87
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$	253,096.07
New Mortgages:		7 000 00
Marion McFarland		7,000.00
Selma Congregation		3,500.00
Paul M. Martin		10,000.00
J. Bruce Martin		10,000.00
Total New Mortgages	_	40,500.00
Payments Received	_	43,509.01
	\$	250,087.06
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	=	
INVESTMENTS		
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$	253,096.07
Disbursed to Current Account	_	3,009.01
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$	250,087.06
ENDOWMENTS		
BALANCE	. \$	4,305.00

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual	
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$ (16,800)	\$ (16,800.52)	
RECEIPTS:	4 (10,000)	* (10,000.00)	
Synod's Budget	65,000	65,000.00	
Endowment Income	33,000	34,277.87	
Carlisle Fund Income	1,700	1,726.24	
Investment Income	1,700	185.34	
Bequests	30,000	26.583.66	
Gifts	300	1,560.75	
Deputation		687.20	
Newsletter Subscriptions		17.00	
Cyprus Funds		733.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	130,000	130,771.06	
CASH AVAILABLE	113,200	113,970.54	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	109,953	99,422.57	
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$ 3,247	\$ 14,547.97	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Cyprus:			
Salaries	10,988	10,936.96	
Housing, Vac., F.A.	1,095	603.10	
Travel and Term. Allow	1,300	300.00	
Total Cyprus	13,383	11,840.06	
Japan:	40.000	40.001.10	
Salaries	46,290	46,991.19	
Field Budget	15,130	15,126.66	
Housing, Vac., F.A.	2,850	2,575.00	
Travel	2,500	2,602.51	
Total Japan	66,770	67,295.36	
Home Base:	2.000	1.505.00	
Social Security	2,000	1,525.68	
Travel and Hospitality	6,000	5,058.45	
Board Expense	800	939.04	
Secretary Allowance	1,500	1,500.00	
Missionary Medical	2,000 1.000	1,809.60 370.65	
Training	2,000	370.03	
E.F.M.A.	1,000	738.90	
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,384.46	
Total Home Base			
R.T.F.	17,300	13,326.78	
	2,500	2,500.00	
New Project Allowance:			
Laura Boye		2,832.00	
Chris Boyle		1,000.00	
Total New Project	10,000	3,832.00	
Joint Committee		75.34	
Publicity Committee		187.27	
Deputation		365.76	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 109,953	\$ 99,422.57	
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INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976 \$ 3,866.88 RECEIPTS:
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976 (as follows:) 379.50
Reformed Missions Consultation
Cyprus 56.20 Syrian Mission Book (883.20)
\$ (379.50)
PERMANENT REVOLVING FUND
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976
RECEIPT, Japan Gift 3,000.00
DISBURSEMENT, Cyprus Relief 143.00
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976 \$ 3,000.00
CAR ACCOUNT BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976 \$ 40.01
RECEIPTS: Gene Spear
RECEIPTS: Gene Spear 2,000.00 W.S.M.S. 2,000.00
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976 \$ 2,455.01
F.M.B. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, BALANCE, 12/31/76
Market Value, 12/31/76 — \$ 674,218

GRADUATE STUDY FUND 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

	_	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$	684.04
RECEIPTS:		
Undesignated Funds		1,000.00
Copeland Manuscript		22.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,022.50
CASH AVAILABLE		1,706.54
DISBURSEMENTS, W. Spear		1,248.45
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$	458.09

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$ (2,149)	\$ (2,148,97)
RECEIPTS		
Synod's Budget	70,000	70.000.00
Tuition and Fees	11,000	11,408.26
Investment Income:		
General Endowment		15,651.55
David Gregg		1,226.53
Wilmoth Investment		484.65
Total Investment Income	16,500	17,362.73
Bequests	10,000	11,021.18
Gifts:		41.00
Library		41.00 2.450.00
Matching Funds		5.540.67
Other	10,000	8.031.67
Total Gifts	10,000	
Maintenance Reimbursement: Covenant Fellowship	1.200	1,200.00
Synod's Trustees	2,100	2,100.00
Total Maint, Reimbursement	3,300	3,300.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	120,800	121,123.84
CASH AVAILABLE	118,651	118,974.87
	116,325	116,103.41
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,326	\$ 2.871.46
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1970		
DISBURSEMENTS: Salaries:		
Faculty, full-time	44,540	44,540.00
Faculty, housing	14,000	14,000.00
Faculty, part-time	2,200 900	2,750.00 238.00
Faculty, visiting	7,730	7,571.00
Staff	69.370	69.099.00
Total Salaries	500	659.07
Special Speakers		033.07
Employee's Benefits:	475	503.62
Social Security	1.170	1,170.80
Pension Payments	360	360.00
Hospitalization	3,000	2,870.32
Total Benefits	5,005	4,904.74
Library:		
Salaries	9,000	8,830.00
Books, Periodicals, Tapes	3,500	3,234.56 407.02
Equipment and Supplies	1,000	140.11
Miscellaneous	125 475	492.94
Social Security	14.100	13.104.63
Total Library	14,100	13,104.03

CURRENT ACCOUNT (Continued)

	Budget	Actual
Maintenance and Cleaning	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,125,42
Utilities:		
Gas		2,607.59
Electric		3,183.78
Water		260.46
Alcosan	0.500	89.10
Total Utilities	6,500	6,140.93
Telephone	900	979.52
Travel	1,500	1,600.25
Insurance	2,000	2,100.00
Printing	1,500	1,798.56
Board and Administration	500	828.92
Audit	400	250.00
Office Supplies	1,200	707.20
Furnishings and Equipment	2,300	2.268.68
Evaluation Team	100	99.60
Miscellaneous:	450	410.00
Postage Publicity	450 400	416.90 666.75
Other	100	353.24
Total Misc.	950	1,436.89
Student Aid	5.000	5,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 116,325	\$ 116,103.41
SEMINARY STUDENT AI	ID.	
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BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$ (2,118)	\$ (2,118.11)
RECEIPTS:	2.000	2.005.05
Investment Income	2,900 200	3,025.35 914.36
Student Repayments	2.655	3,160.00
Seminary Current Account	5.000	5,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,755	12,099.71
CASH AVAILABLE	8,637	9.981.60
DISBURSEMENTS:	0,007	3,301.00
Student Payments	5.730	6,565.00
Salaries	3.055	2.737.50
Caralan Caranatan	180	156.84
Social Security		200.00
Student Testing	390	390.00
	9,355	9,849.34

OTHER SEMINARY ACCOUNTS

	Balance 1-1-76	Credits	Debits	Balance 12-31-76
Endowments	\$114,749.73	\$ 60.27		\$114,810.00
Investment Acct. (Wilmoth)	10,693.20	805.45	\$ 484.65	11,014.00
M. McQuiston Endowment	12.748.45			12,748.45
M. McOuiston Interest	3,506.57	656.77		4,163.34
Pension Fund	7,651.04	1,572.46		9,223.50
Dining Club	262.64	3,918.17	3,955.36	225.45
Property and Equipment	149,875.00			149,875.00
Student Aid Endowment	17,500.00			17,500.00
Student Aid Investment	4,300.00		900.00	3,400.00
Student Aid Acct. Rec.	(4,300.00)	900.00		(3,400.00)

SYNOD'S MISCELLANEOUS FUND 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	\$ (2,098)	\$ (2,098.19)
RECEIPTS:		
Synod's Budget	9,650	9,650.00
Travel Fund	13,000 450	15,141.50 443.45
Synod's Collection	1.000	1.000.00
Conference Refund	2,000	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	200	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,300	28,234.95
CASH AVAILABLE	24,202	26,136.76
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	23,216	29,236.69
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976	\$ 986	\$ (3,099.93)
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Committee Expense:		500.00
Interchurch Correspondence		569.39 2,195.54
Revise West. Standards		102.50
Arrangements		115.00
Revise Confession of Faith		392.11
Other		129.63
Total Committee Exp	2,500	3,504.17
Synod's Expense:		200.71
Clerk		290.71 121.03
Miscellaneous		20.13
Total Synod Exp	1,000	431.87
Delegate Expense:		
N.A.E.		653.83
P.C.A.		244.66
Eureka Classes		44.80 92.00
R.P.C.E.S.		16.00
Total Delegate Exp	1,000	1,051.29
R.E.S. Dues and Assessment	660	653.37
N.A.E. Dues	500	500.00
N.P.R.F. Assessment	11	11.15
Travel Fund	15,000	21,538.95
Stated Clerk	50	50.89
Church Travel Insurance	1,495	1,495.00
Miscellaneous	1,000	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$23,216	\$29,236.69

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976

COMMO	N STOCK		COMM	COMMON FUND		FUND
Number Shares	Price Per Sh.	Securities	Ledger Value	Market Value	Ledger Value	Market Value
		Utility Group				
340	\$22.250	Allegheny Power System	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 7,565.00		
1.995	63 500	American Tele & Teleg	57,291.17	126,682.50		
200	22 875	Cinc Gas & Electric			\$ 5,001.09	\$ 4,575.00
1.719	31 625	Commonwealth Edison Co	12.122.50	54,363.38		
1.350	31 875	General Tele. & Electric	41.581.75	43.031.25		
500	20 125	Kansas Power & Light	7,812.50	10,062.50		
1,200	21 750	Texas Utilities	22.063.54	26,100.00		
			144.171.46	267,804.63	5,001.09	4,575.00
		Financial Group				
1 000	37.625	B T New York Corp	20,140.00	37,625.00		
1.939	30 625	Chase Manhattan Bank	25.400.00	59,381.88		
450	24 500	Fidelcor	6,412.50	11,025.00		
769	30.250	5th 3rd Union Trust			15,518.25	23,262.25
4.804	42 000	Pgh National Corp	43,138.55	201,768.00		
1.642	54 750	Continental Corp	-0-	89,899.50		
501	19 500	Republic Finan Services			2,672.00	9,769.50
1.590	22.375	Southwestern Life Ins.			24,939.00	35,576.25
			95.091.05	399,699 38	43,129.25	68,608.00

СОММО	N STOCK		COMM	ION FUND	SMITH	FUND
Number Shares	Price Per Sh.	Securities	Ledger Value	Market Value	Ledger Value	Market Value
		Consumer & Service				
1,150	\$49.125	Abbott Laboratory	\$ 35,169.70	\$ 56,493.75		
250	49.125	Abott Laboratory			\$ 8,737.50	\$12,281.25
200	32.000	American Home Products			8,604.04	6,400.00
300	32.000	American Home Products	10,060.35	9,600.00		
1,568	23.250	Amstar	2,872.90	36,456.00		
9,500	30.500	Dun & Bradstreet, Inc	7,552.50	289,750.00		
1,000	30.250	General Foods	41,688.95	30,250.00		
1,080	33.625	HJ. Heinz Company	3,728.80	36,315.00		
460	52.625	J.C. Penney Co			12,275.41	24,207.50
200	56.750	Marsh & McLennan	10,098.78	11,350.00		
550	69.000	Sears Roebuck Co	36,752.11	37,950.00		
500	79.375	Smith Kline Corp	27,946.93	39,687.50		
1,400	38.500	Upjohn Company	30,424.67	53,900.00		
			206,295.69	601,752.25	29,616.95	42,888.75
		Natural Resource				
1,050	34.500	Ashland Oil & Refining	4,557.73	36,225.00		
600	37.500	Continental Oil Co	11,697.54	22,500.00		
2,088	53.625	Exxon Corporation	15,618.17	111,969.00		
3,355	28.875	Gulf Oil Corp	13,923.25	96,875.63		
1,200	33.250	Pennzoil Company	4,725.00	39,900.00		
400	41.250	Phelps Dodge Corp	5,444.21	16,500.00		
600	59.625	Std. Oil of Indiana	23,546.13	35,775.00		
1,010	27.750	Texaco, Inc.	28,906.46	28,027.50		
			108,418.49	387,772.13		

COMMON	STOCK			COMMON FUND		SMITH FUND		
Number	Price	•		Ledger	Market	Ledger	Market	
Shares	Per Sh.	Securities		Value	Value	Value	Value	
		Basic & Industry						
100	\$135 125	Dupont De Nemours		\$ 19,699.75	\$ 13,512.50			
1.500	30 625	Eltra Corporation		3.240 00	45.937.50			
2.000	55 625	General Electric Co		57.771 75	111.250.00			
2.000	78 500	General Motors Corp		27,300.00	157,000.00			
800	46 750	Joy Manufacturing		3.680.00	37.400.00			
300	56.625	Minnesota Min & Mfg.		17.776 45	16.987.50			
95	88 125	Monsanto Company				\$ 6.074.47	\$ 8,371.88	
105	88 125	Monsanto Company		10.217.27	9,253.13			
2.700	36 750	TRW. Incorporated		30,348.00	99,225.00			
1.300	29 375	Witco Chemical		12.415 00	38.187.50			
				182,448.22	528,753.13	6.074.47	8.371.88	
		Technology Group						
250	71 250	Corning Glass Works		22.586 53	17.812.50			
1.192	86 000	Eastman Kodak, Inc		4.660.72	102.512.00			
500	48 500	Honeywell Corp		42.439.70	24,250.00			
375	279 125	1.B M		88.286 69	104,671.88			
1.100	33 875	Int Tele & Teleg.		52,696.65	37,262.50			
900	37 500	NCR Corporation		6.545.30	33,750.00			
1.000	58 500	Xerox		93,247.75	58,500.00			
				310.463.34	378,758.88			
OMMON S	TOCK TOTA	LS		\$1.046.888.25	\$2,564,540.40	\$83,821.76	\$124,443.6	
ONV PRE	FERRED ST	OCK	Rate					
		Amer Tel & Telg	4 00	\$ 5.001.35	\$ 6,650 00			
100		Textron Inc	1.40	7.550 00	20,400.00			
800	25 500	LEYROLL HIC	1.40		\$ 27.050.00			

BONDS							
Securities:	Interest	Date of	Par I	Maturity	Price	Ledger	Market
Common Fund	Rate	Purchase	Value	Date	Per 100	Value	Value
American Sugar Company	5.300	10/63	15 M	1993	72.000		\$ 10,800.00
American Tel. & Tel. Co	4.375	02/64	20 M	1985	86.000	\$ 17,163.83	17,200.00
American Tel. & Tel. Co	8.750	06/70	6 M	2000	107.000	6,074.10	6,420.00
Bell Telephone of Pa	6.750	04/68	5 M	2008	85.250	5,040.15	4,262.50
Carolina Power & Light Co.	8.750	02/70	50 M	2000	99.750	50,875.00	49,875.00
Chase Manhattan Bk. Conv.	4.875	04/68	9.2 M	1993	72.000	9,200.00	6,624.00
Commonwealth Edison Co	4.625	02/59	10 M	2009	54.750	10,192.40	5,475.00
Continental Oil Company	7.500	02/70	40 M	1999	97.500	39,000.00	39,000.00
Delmarva Power & Light	8.750	02/70	50 M	2000	98.625	50,375.00	49,312.50
Duke Power Company	7.000	06/69	10 M	1999	83.000	9,981.94	8,300.00
General Motors Acc. Corp.	5.000	12/60	25 M	1980	96.000	24,475.87	24,000.00
Gen. Tel. Co. of Florida	8.625	02/70	40 M	2000	98.000	39,892.00	39,200.00
Georgia Power	8.625	04/70	50 M	2000	95.000	48,500.00	47,500.00
Household Finance Corp	8.300	03/76	25 M	1986	105.000	25,593.75	26,250.00
Houston Light & Power Co.	7.500	06/69	10 M	1999	90.000	10,208.33	9,000.00
Inter'l. Harvester Co	4.800	03/66	17.5 M	1991	72.750	14,278.23	12,731.25
Marathon Oil Company	8.500	02/70	40 M	2000	102.250	40,400.00	40,900.00
Massachusetts Electric Co.	7.625	06/69	10 M	1999	89.000	9.822.01	8,900.00
Money Market Management					1.000	61,867.82	61,867.82
Monongahela Power Co	5.500	04/66	5 M	1996	66.875	5,016.94	3,343.75
Monsanto Company	8.000	07/75	25 M	1985	106.375	25,379.03	26,593.75
Minnesota Min. & Mfg	8.200	06/75	25 M	1985	107.500	25,500.00	26,875.00
New York Telephone Co	7.500	05/69	10 M	2009	92.500	10,052.08	9,250.00
Northern States Power	6.125	02/70	50 M	1995	75.375	40,000.00	37,687.50
Ohio Edison Company	8.250	10/69	10 M	1999	97.500	10,231.25	9.750.00
Pfizer Incorporated	4.000	03/72	25 M	1997	80.750	26,687.50	20,187.50
Phila. Electric & Power	4.500	02/70	50 M	1994	62.500	32,812.50	31,250.00
Pub. Service of Colorado	5.875	02/70	50 M	1997	75.500	38,500.00	37,750.00
So. Calif. Edison Co	6.375	02/70	40 M	1993	80.000	34,100.00	32,000.00
Std. Oil of Calif	4.375	05/75	18 M	1983	88.000	14,062.50	15,840.00
Union Electric Co.	8.250	02/70	50 M	1999	94.250	49,000.00	47,125.00
Virginia Electric & Power	9.000	05/70	24 M	2000	100.250	24,060.00	24,060.00
Wisconsin Electric & Power	5.000	02/70	50 M	1990	71.875	36,000.00	35,937.50
Xerox	6.000	10/70	1 M	1995	101.500	1,000.00	1,015.00
U.S. Treasury Notes	8.000	03/70	11 M	1977	100.438	11,393.60	
U.S. Treasury Notes	6.875	05/75	50 M	1977	100.438		11,048.18
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.125	01/76	50 M	1978	100.781	49,328.13 50,593.75	50,390.50
,	7.625	06/76	64 M	1980	102.331		51,265.50
						64,677.51	67,400.32
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.375	08/76	50 M	1981	104.840	49,859.38	52,422.00
U.S. Treasury Notes	8.000	09/76	50 M	1986	108.625	50,020.00	54,313.00
BOND TOTALS						1,121,214.60	1,113,122.57
Smith Fund							
U.S. Treasury Notes	8.000	03/70	9 M	1977	100.438	9,332.92	9,039.42

SUMMARY FUNDS	Pool	Smith	Total
Common Stocks:			
Ledger	\$1,046,888.25	\$ 83,821.76	\$1,130,710.01
Market	2,564,540.40	124,443.63	2,688,984.03
Conv. Preferred:			
Ledger	12,551.35		12,551.35
Market	27,050.00		27,050.00
Bonds:			
Ledger	1,121,214.60	9,332.92	1,130,547.32
Market	1,113,122.57	9,039.42	1,122,161.99
Totals:			
Ledger	2,180,654.20	93,154.68	2,273,808.88
Market	3,704,712.97	133,483.05	3,838,196.02
Income:			
Income	188,153.18	5,107.79	193,260.97
% of Ledger	8.63	5.48	8.50
% of Market	5.08	3.83	5.04

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE AND EQUIPMENT DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Land	Building	Equipment	Total
Southern Mission (cost)	\$ 1,000.00 62,500.00	\$ 4,000.00 584,540.00	\$ 3,225.00 219,903.00	\$ 8,225.00 866,943.00
	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 588,540.00	\$ 223,128.00	\$ 875,168.00

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF ENOOWMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Fund Balance 1/1/76	Additions	Total	Reductions	Fund Balance 12/31/76
Common Fund	\$ 5,012.13	\$	\$ 5,012.13	\$	\$ 5,012.13
Geneva College	269,202.23		269,202.23		269,202.23
Foreign Mission	175,774.93		175,774.93		175,774.93
Home Mission	94,700.79		94,700.79		94,700.79
Southern Mission	15,725.24		15,725.24		15,725.24
Theological Seminary	114,749.73	60.27	114,810.00		114,810.00
Milne-McQuiston	12,748.75		12,748.75		12,748.75
Ministerial Relief	55,859.58		55,859.58	55,859.58	
Student Aid	17,500.00		17,500.00		17,500.00
Pension Plan	42,000.00	90,080.75	132,080.75		132,080.75
Witness Work	2,883.34		2,883.34	2,883.34	
Aged Peoples Home	72,596.90		72,596.90		72,596.90
Building Loan Fund	4,305.00		4,305.00		4,305.00
Widows and Orphans	34,221.17		34,221.17	34,221.17	
Board of Publications	15,440.61	2,883.34	18,323.95		18,323.95
David Gregg	297,505.23		297,505.23		297,505.23
John Lucky	2,694.83		2,694.83		2,694.83
JJ. McClurkin	100.00		100.00		100.00
American Bible Society	50.00		50.00		50.00
Eliza Ann Sloan	15,500.00		15,500.00		15,500.00
Elizabeth R. Caarlisle	55,828.00		55,828.00		55,828.00
Totals	\$1,304,398.46	\$93,024.36	\$ <u>1,397,422.82</u>	\$92,964.09	\$1,304,458.73

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Fund Balance	Additions	Total	Reductions	Fund Balance 12/31/76
S.R. Wills	\$ 2,427.17	\$	\$ 2,427.17	\$	\$ 2,427.17
Pension Plan "A"		60,000.00	60,000.00	15,000.00	45,000.00
Totals	\$ 2,427.17	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 62,427.17	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 47,427.17

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS INVESTED FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Fund Balance 1/1/76	Additions		Total	Reductions		nd Balance /31/76
Foreign Mission	\$ 3,866.88	\$ 807.13	\$	4,674.01	\$ 3,659.32	\$	1,014.69
Student Aid	4,300.00			4,300.00	900.00		3,400.00
Pension Plan	104,198.29		1	04,198.29	13,465.26		90,733.03
Theological Seminary	10,693.20	805.45		11,498.65	484.65		11,014.00
Board of Publications	2,423.99			2,423.99	728.97		1,695.02
Pittsburgh Presbytery	1,447.70			1,447.70			1,447.70
Emma Elliot Missionary Society	6,800.00			6,800.00			6,800.00
North Hills Congregation	8,027.99			8,027.99			8,027.99
Belle Center Congregation	7,433.50			7,433.50			7,433.50
Iowa Presbytery	700.00			700.00			700.00
Wilkinsburg Congregation	500.00			500.00			500.00
New Alexandria Congregation	4,200.00			4,200.00			4,200.00
Union Congregation	1,000.00			1,000.00			1,000.00
Bethel Congregation	500.00			500.00			500.00
Second Church of Philadelphia	5,000.00			5,000.00			5,000.00
Montclair Congregation	500.00			500.00			500.00
Allegheny Congregation	1,700.00			1,700.00			1,700.00
Isaac and Jemima Kitchen	1,000.00			1,000.00			1,000.00
Samuel and Nannie K. Patterson	1,000.00			1,000.00		_	1,000.00
Totals	\$165,291.55	\$ 1,612.58	\$	166,904.13	\$ 19,238.20	\$	147,665.93

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF GENERAL BEQUESTS DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Fund Balance 1/1/76	Additions	Total	Reductions	12/31/76
Jayne Marjorie Lemker Smith, Estate Anna C. McCullough Anna M. Johnston, Estate	\$ 92,645.50 2,000.00	\$ 105.68 1,107.02 486.06	\$ 92,645.50 2,105.68 1,107.02 486.06	\$ 105.68 1,107.02 486.06	\$ 92,645.50 2,000.00
Ina Jane Plumb Dudley	\$ 94,645.50	\$ 1,698.76	\$ 96,344.26		\$ 94,645.50

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS—BUDGET ORGANIZATIONS DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Fund Balance			Fund B	alance 1/76
	1q1/76	Income	Expenditures	Surplus	Deficit
Foreign Mission\$	(16,800.52)	\$135,897.46	\$104,548.97	\$ 14,547.97	\$
Home Mission	8,811.97	78,295.50	55,685.91	31,421.56	
Theological Seminary	(2,148.97)	122,971.38	117,950.95	2,871.46	
Witness Committee	1,415.49		1,415.49		
Board of Education &					
Publication	4,313.10	75,442.73	72,849.14	6,906.69	
Board of Corporators —					
Geneva College	21.61	350.00	769.12		397.51
Synod's Miscellaneous Fund	(2,098.19)	28,487.95	29,489.69		3,099.93
Board Of Pensions	19,384.02	36,338.35	59,015.98		3,293.61
Aged Peoples Home		17,342.63	17,342.63		
Totals	\$ 12,898.51	\$495,126.00	\$459,067.88	\$ 55,747.68	\$ 6,791.05
Allocation of Budget					
Collections	(10,683.57)	242,155.29	268,009.05		36,537.33
Totals	\$ 2,214.94	\$737,281.29	\$727,076.93	\$ 55,747.68	\$ 43,328.38
Surplus Balance					\$ 12,419.30

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS—NON-BUDGET ORGANIZATIONS DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Fund Balance	Income	Expenditures	Fund Balance 12/31/76 Surplus
Foreign Mission	\$ 610.01	\$ 7,547.15	\$ 3,081.65	\$ 5.075.51
Southern Mission	4,484.98	10,216.80	13,568.76	1.133.02*
Seminary Petty Cash	25.00		25.00	,
Seminary Pension	7,651.04	1,572.46		9,223,50
Seminary Dining Club	262.64	3,918.17	3,955.36	225.45
Education and Publication	8,380.64	27,104.71	26,204.26	9,381.09
Temperance	693.95	67.52		761.47
Pittsburgh Presbytery	2,347.68	4,956.76	5.056.24	2.248.20
Graduate Study Fund	684.04	1,022.50	1,248.45	458.09
National Reform Association		212.60	212.60	
American Bible Society		8.80	8.80	
Student Aid	(2,188.11)	12,099.71	9.849.34	132.26
Pension Plan	100,643.44	40,879.95	139,678.50	1.844.89
Building Loan	9,478.20	16,449.67		25,927.87
Seminary		3,100.00	3,100.00	20,027.07
Total Surplus	\$133,143.51	\$129,256.80	\$205,988.96	\$ 56,411.35

^{*}Includes car sinking fund of \$800.00

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULE OF UNDISTRIBUTED RESTRICTED INCOME DECEMBER 31, 1976

Elizabeth Ann Sloan interest	\$ 4,552.40
Milne-Mcquiston interest	4,163.34
J.J. McClurkin interest	218.67
Viola Coleman interest	58.50
Undistributed portion of dividends and interest	2.86
Total	\$ 8,995.77

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA EXPLANATORY NOTES DECEMBER 31, 1976

Note 1 - Notes Receivable

The December 31 balance consists of the following amounts receivable:

	1976	1975
Loan from Patterson Press Seminary student special	\$ 1,695.02	\$ 2,423.99
loan	3,400.00	4,300.00
Total	\$ 5,095.02	\$ 6,723.99

The loan to Patterson Press is being reduced by offsetting amounts due them for services rendered; the Seminary student loans are interest bearing with repayment contingent upon future events.

Note 2—Mortgages—Building Loan Fund

The balance in this account consists of the unpaid principle on mortgages issued by the Building Loan Committee.

Note 3—Real Estate and Equipment

Real Estate:

The figures shown on Exhibit I and in Schedule II of this report are at cost for the Southern Mission property and at appraised values for the Theological Seminary.

An appraisal on February 13, 1959, by William H. Thomas, M.A.I. valued the land for present use and occupancy at \$62,500.00.

On October 28, 1968, the Young Brothers Insurance Agency estimated the insurance required relative to the actual cash value of the building with an 80% co-insurance requirement to be \$193,600.00.

Costs of construction incurred in building the new library in the amount of \$56,772.00 were transferred from the Restricted Fund to the Plant Fund as of December 31, 1970. In 1971 the Treasurer adjusted the Plant Fund to reflect a total cost of construction of \$64,875.00. Additional expenditures of \$14,458.00 incurred in purchasing carpeting, shelving, draperies, shrubbery, and miscellaneous furnishings were charged to expense.

A recent appraisal of the building, dated May 7, 1975, by the Mutual Inspection Bureau, an appraisal service operated by the Mutual Insurance Companies, indicates the sound insurable value of the building to be \$584,540.00 after a deduction for physical depreciation of \$89,530.00.

Equipment:

An independent appraisal was made on June 11, 1969, by Valuation Engineers, Inc., of the permanent fixtures and equipment. As of that date, the sound appraisal value of the permanent fixtures and equipment was \$100,620.00 based upon the cost of reproduction new less an allowance for accrued depreciation resulting from its age and condition.

A more recent appraisal by the same company, dated June 12, 1975, using the same basis for valuation as the 1969 report, reflects the cost of reproduction new less an allowance for accrued depreciation resulting from age and condition to be \$219,903.00.

Note 4-Profit on Sale of Common Pool Securities

The balance in this account represents the total accumulated profit on the sale of securities from the Common Pool which has not been distributed to participating accounts.

Note 5 - General Comment - Treasurer's Report

The detailed analysis of the accounts contained in Exhibit III (comprising pages 7 through 20 of this report) was prepared by the Treasurer of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The Exhibits should be viewed by the reader as an independent report of the Treasurer and not as an integral part of the accountant's report.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

The Order of the Day, Unfinished Business, Item 5, The Report of the Committee to Study Vow #9 was taken up and read. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was stricken. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PAPER #5 FROM THE 1976 SYNOD

This committee was asked to study Ordination Vow #9. Paper #5 asked three questions: 1) What does the word "submit" mean; 2) What is meant by "brotherly counsel"; and 3) Who are the "brethren" mentioned. The paper then asserted that this vow is not a scriptural requirement of church officers.

The New Testament has two words which are translated "submit" in the King James Version: ὑποτάσσω (hypotasso) and ὑπείπω

(hypeiko).

Υποτάσσω (hypotasso) is used 40 times in the New Testament and is rendered in the King James Version in the following ways:

1. put under (6 times)

2. be subject unto (6 times)

be subject to (5 times)
 submit (one's) self unto (5 times) — Rom. 10:3; I Cor. 16:16; Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; I Pet. 5:5a

5. submit (one's) self to (3 times)—Eph. 5:21; James 4:7; I Pet.

6. be in subjection unto (2 times)

7. put in subjection under (1 time) 8. miscellaneous renderings (12 times)

(statistics from J. B. Smith, Greek-English Concordance, #5193)

Υποτάσσω (hypotasso) conveys subordination either by compulsion or voluntarily. The idea of obedience is not pre-eminent in ὑποτάσσω (hypotasso). For Christians ὑποτάσσω (hypotasso) is closely related to ταπεινός and ὑπακούω, and carries the idea of a subordination to persons worthy of respect.

Ťπεταω (hypeiko) is used only once in the New Testament in Hebrews 13:17. It is used within a context concerned with leaders in the church (Hebrews 13:17,24). These leaders are to be respected because of their office, and their person. They are to be honored as those in authority over the flock of Christ. The obedience called for in Hebrews 13:17 is one which allows the leadership to prevail, even if the flock or an individual sheep may not agree. In the case of an ordained officer, he must remember that he, too, is an individual subject to those who are his peers in the graded courts of presbyterianism.

The injunction of Hebrews 13:17 is certainly guarded by the total context of revealed religion, and therefore nothing contrary to the Scriptures is suggested or allowed.

The phrase "submit . . . in the Lord" is not only controlled by explicit Biblical contexts, but also by the ordination vows to the office. Each ordained man accepts the Scriptures, first; the Westminister Confession of Faith, second (as subordinate to the Scriptures); The Declaration and Testimony, third; and so forth. Due submission in the Lord to brotherly counsel cannot require of any man an implicit faith, for this is specifically prohibited in the subordinate standard of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

In response to the questions of Paper #5, we would answer: 1) the word "submit" is primarily a recognition that God has given to each generation of Christians men and women with differing gifts. Some have the gift of leadership which requires respect and honor from those they lead. Such respect and honor cannot contradict the Scriptures, the Westminister Confession of Faith or the Declaration and Testimony; 2) the "brotherly counsel" and "brethren" must be defined together. The context of the phrase in question (Ordination Vow #9) is "subjection in the Lord to the courts of this church". Obviously the term "brethren" must refer not to any Christian, nor to any member of the church, nor to any ordained officer of the church, but rather to the consensus of the "brethren" as they have given counsel in a constituted court of the church. The concern of ordination yow #9 is that the individual would "follow no divisive courses". This does not mean that we are in error by examining the testimony regarding the "doctrine and order which the church has solemnly recognized and adopted". If it is according to the Scripture, it must be accepted. If it is not, then it must be rejected; but there is an orderly process by which this may be done. 3) We have not attempted to defend the Scriptural basis for Presbyterianism. However, for those who accept this view (Terms of Communion #4), Hebrews 13:17 establishes the validity of such a vow as Ordination Vow #9.

We recognize a semantic distinction between "subjection" and "submission"; "subjection" implying an involuntary obedience to a given authority; "submission" implying a voluntary obedience to this authority. Accordingly, the committee would make two recommendations to the Synod:

1. That the words "submit", "brotherly counsel", and "brethren" as used in Ordination Vow #9 be understood as defined in the body of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Bessell Robert B. Tweed Edward A. Robson Jerrold S. Milroy, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Time and Place was taken up, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Your committee on Time and Place would recommend that Synod meet June 16—23, 1978 (Friday, 7:30 p.m. to adjournment) at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lester E. Kilpatrick John M. McMillan

The Court was recessed in prayer by the Moderator. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1977, 7:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Neal Mann.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Order of the Day, The Report of the Board of Education and Publication was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 2 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Items 3 and 4 were adopted. Item 5 was referred back to the Board to report to Synod next year. Items 6, 7, 8 were adopted. Item 9 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 10 was adopted. In keeping with Item 10, the court proceeded to hear Lee Bittner and Ronald Nickerson. The Synod proceeded to the election of a Director of Educational Services. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION REPORT

It is with sincere thanks to Almighty God for His care and guidance over the past year that we begin our report. Basically our "digest report" will be mainly for information and not to make many recommendations—they will come in our "final" report which will be drawn together at our June 2nd and 3rd meeting in Beaver Falls. Both of the Board's directors, Lee Bittner (Director of Educational Services) and Ron Nickerson (Director of Publication), have served the Board and Church well this past year as we trust will be seen through this report. DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

As we all know our Director of Educational Services was thrust into the middle of planning and coordinating our 1976 National Conference as his initial assignment upon taking the position. Since the National Conference, which for the rest of us is history, Mr. Bittner has been seeking to establish his job description, as well as seeking to evaluate the Church's response to bhe National Conference. Hence, evaluation of the National Conference became a major assignment, especially since the Board, and we trust the Church, is looking forward to the 1980 National Conference. From the material gathered regard-

ing individual's opinions of the 1976 National Conference it is clear that there remains a continued interest in the need for National Conferences. Over 1300 people attended last year's Conference. The Board believes the most urgent need in planning for the 1980 Conference is an appraisal by this Synod of the practice of holding the National Conference concurrently with the meetings of Synod.

Our Board is again pursuing areas of cooperation and co-laboring with Great Commission Publications. We have recently begun the cosponsoring of seminars around the country on materials, methods, and media for the Sabbath School teacher and Christian Education program in the local church. Emphasis is also placed on the home and school in Christian Education. The Great Commission staff and personnel from our own denomination comprise the participants in these conferences. Great Commission Publications has recently issued dates for tentative publication of the following new materials:

Senior High Curriculum—Feb., 1978 Adult Study Books—June, 1978 Vacation Bible School Curriculum—Summer, 1979 Pre-School Curriculum—Summer, 1981

The Board and the DES are evaluating the need of youth programs in the denomination. Tentative plans for a summer ministry team of 4 - 6 RPCNA young people from Geneva College are now being considered. The Board is also committed to complete a three year curriculum of Junior materials begun in 1972.

Our DES also serves as Coordinator of Church Relations for Geneva College. This is due to the fact that he is employed by both the College and Board on a half time basis by each. As of September 1977, he will be teaching three hours per semester (six per year) in the Biblical Literature Department. In addition to teaching, his responsibilities at the College entail the development of ministry and services from the College to Churches and pastors on campus (e.g.: conferences, Pastor's Days, usage of campus facilities by church groups) and off campus (e.g.: student and faculty ministry in churches). He works closely with the Dean of Religious Services in representing the College to our own denomination and the N. A. P. A. R. C. churches.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

As Director of Publications, Mr. Nickerson has been busy since the first of the year making as smooth a transition as possible of printing locations for the COVENANTER WITNESS. As most of you know Patterson Press is no longer under contract for the printing of the WITNESS (Dave has sold the press). Mr. Patterson is still, however, under contract by the board to prepare the composition of the COVENANTER WITNESS. For this, the board thanks Mr. Patterson. A fine organization, Mercury Press, has been contracted to do the printing

with the added convenience of their being across the street from our editor's office in Pittsburgh. Mr Patterson was also very helpful during those transition days for which the Board sincerely thanks Mr. Patterson.

Beyond Mr. Nickerson's responsibilities as the editor of the WIT-NESS, our Director of Publications has been busy securing a wider market for our material, as well as overseeing the publication of new material and up-dating of older material. The mailing of the Foreign Mission Board's newsletter and the coordination of the recordings made by Mr. Alan Wissner during Reformed Presbyterian gatherings began since the last meeting of Synod. Reprinted materials include: 1) BIBLE BOYS AND GIRLS, 2) CHRIST AND HIS TEACHINGS, 3) COME JOIN WITH US, 4) WHO WE ARE, 5) K. G. Smith's Studies in John. New materials include: 1) the 1976 MINUTES OF SYNOD (a yearly responsibility), and 2) WHY WE SING PSALMS. Work has begun on the producing of a new Psalm recording which we hope will be ready by Synod's meeting. A new directory will soon go to the press. Tracts on KEEPING THE LORD'S DAY and A CAPPELLA PRAISE are in the making, A New Testament and Old Testament study by Dr. J. G. Vos will soon be published as part of the Theology Series the Board has undertaken to produce. Synod's digest and docket are both regularly produced by our Publications Department of the Board.

Dr. David Carson's HISTORY OF THE R. P. C. of North America has been reprinted in recent issues of the COVENANTER WITNESS with an eye toward a ring bound edition being available following the completion of the series in the WITNESS. We are deeply indebted to Dr. D. Carson for permitting this reprinting of his work for our general reading.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON "A Survey of the Elementary & Secondary Trends in Education in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America"

Of the **63** organized congregations in the RPCNA, **39** (approximately 2/3) responded to this survey, representing **2,531** communicant members and **602** children of elementary and secondary school age. Of the 39 responding congregations **32** were located within 60 miles of a "Christian school". Of those 32 congregations within 60 miles of a Christian school, **12** reported having at least **1**, but no more than **5** families, who sent their children to a Christian school, while **2** listed at least **5** families, but no more than **10** who enrolled their children in a Christian school.

The basic profile of the Christian schools in which RPCNA parents are enrolling their children is one of a "Reformed" doctrinal commitment, a member of the "National Union of Christian Schools", and controlled by a parent-elected, independent, Board. The experience

of these parents with the schools in terms of the educational and spiritual experience their children are receiving is predominately one of being "very pleased" or "basically satisfied". Two congregations reported operating their own Christian schools while one congregation encourages members to teach their children at home until they are at least 8 years of age, rather than sending them to public or Christian schools not Reformed in doctrine and world-view.

When it came to the evaluation by Sessions of the **public schools** in the community some clear trends emerged. The impact of Christian teachers and administrators was judged to be certainly persent, but minimal in overall impact. The majority of respondants registered **5** or **6** on a scale of **1-7** (1 being strongest inclination to agree; 7 being weakest inclination to agree) to the statement: "The congregation is basically pleased with the public schools due to the strong witness of Christian teachers and administrators". Using the same evaluation scale (1-7), the public schools drew high marks in three areas (in order of perceived strength):

- 1. Extracurricular activities provided in the local public schools.
- 2. The development of learning skills in our children.
- 3. The quality of teacher skills and abilities.

The areas most distressing to Sessions and parents about the public school were (in order of **most** concern to **least**):

- 1. The lack of classroom order and discipline in the public schools.
- 2. The denial of the relevance of the Christian faith to the learning process.
- 3. The moral example set by teachers in the public schools.

Some Selected Comments:

- 1. "Some features (of the public schools) are viewed as good. Some secular teachers seem highly motivated . . . but there seems a decline in the challenge to learn, plus the moral and spiritual pressures."
- 2. "Our children would be better trained for life with a public school education and their spiritual instruction coming from their homes and/or their church."
- 3. "Public schools are atheistic training centers and are not in any way compatible with Biblical parenthood."
- 4. "Morally the congregation is not liking what is happening in the public schools. But integration of Scripture and learning is not clear."
- 5. "I cannot see the wisdom of paying taxes to support public schools . . . and not working in them . . . to be the schools we would like."

The issue or "responsibility" on the part of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the "promotion" of Christian schools among its mem-

bers and congregations was equally divided depending upon how the respondant defined the term "responsibility". "Responsibility" was defined by some to mean " . . . a clear Scriptural mandate to exert pressure on parents to withdraw their children from public schools and place them in Christian schools." This concept of denominational "responsibility" was clearly rejected since most respondants expressed the opinion that "(since) education is the responsibility of the parents, the denomination cannot tell parents that their responsibility can only be met by 'Christian schools'." If the denomination itself is to have any "responsibility" at all, some respondants felt it should be in the form of "leadership, encouragement, financial support, information effort in promotion of such a school." "The Church should be an information source, regarding Christian schools." But far and away, the most common response was to leave "responsibility" in the area of Christian schools with the parents, and not Synod or its agencies.

Conclusion

The Board reports that a ministry has been developed under the direct oversight of the Director of Educational Services which is being carried out this summer for both the benefit of the RPCNA and Geneva College. This ministry is being carried on through the services of a five person singing group "New Song" which will be travelling among various congregations of the RPCNA and other denominations singing the Psalms and giving brief testimonies.

The Board has sought to meet the request of Synod to learn the "feeling" of the denomination toward Christian Day Schools or Christian Education. In this regard, the enclosed survey found in the original report was developed, used and results tabulated. As a result of this survey, the Board will be recommending that Mr. Bittner, the Director of Educational Services, act as an information center for the promotion of Christian Day Schools.

Synod was asked in the original report via recommendation #4 to come to this meeting of Synod prepared to discuss the practice of holding the National Conference concurrently with the meetings of Synod and seek to establish an answer. A survey conducted by the Director of Educational Services showed that Synod favored not holding meetings of Synod during a National Conference. In light of that survey, the Board has a recommendation to get this issue before Synod concretely.

In 1975, Synod voted Mr. Lee P. Bittner, III into the position of the denominational Director of Educational Services. Mr. Bittner's term was for three years, to expire in the Spring of 1978. Therefore, the Board will be placing Mr. Bittner's name in nomination for a second three year term as the Director of Educational Services of the RPCNA

beginning June 1, 1978. Synod will be given opportunity to make any other nominations deemed necessary. Ballots will be used for the election.

Synod is reminded that Mr. Bittner serves our denomination as the D. E. S. on a 50/50 basis (i.e. salary and time) with Geneva College as an assistant to Dr. John H. White, Dean of Religious Services.

In addition to the two tracts the Board is presently seeking to produce, "Keeping the Lord's Day" and "A Cappella Praise", in order to continue the important task of serving as Synod's witness committee, a tract entitled "How Christ is King" is being produced. The Board is also seeking to contract a printer for the reprinting of 5,000 copies of **The Book of Psalms for Singing** since our present stock consists of 1,100 psalters with some 1,000 sold annually. A new Psalm record is being produced entitled "Power for Praise". Our present stock of Psalm records is depleted.

Last year's Synod directed to us a paper from Iowa Presbytery regarding our denomination's witness as found in chapter 29 and 30 of our **Constitution**. The Board has appointed a committee which will seek to actively promote throughout the church the Bible taught doctrine of the kingship of Christ as set forth in chapters 29 and 30.

The Board has received the paper which came before the 1977 Synod, Paper 77-3, regarding abortion, and will be acting on it.

The financial report of the 1976 National Conference is being distributed for information.

The Board submits the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Board of Education and Publication's budget request for 1978 be approved in the amount of \$60,000.
- 2. That the terms of Roy Adams, Joe Caskey, Joe McFarland, Wendell Spear, and R. Paul Wright, which expire this year, be filled by electing 4 persons to the Board.
- 3. That the Director of Educational Services act as an information center for the promotion of Christian Day Schools within the RPCNA.
- 4. That Synod commend to sessions, congregations, and parents the need for a real concern over the present status of American public school system expressed in this survey, and a prayerful consideration of how parents can best fulfill their responsibility for the education of their children.
- 5. That Synod meet for a longer period in 1978 and 1979 in order that Synod not need to meet in 1980 during the National Conference.
- 6. That Synod authorize the reprinting of 5,000 copies of **The Book** of **Psalms for Singing**.

7. That Synod authorize the Board to print 600 copies of the 1977 Minutes of Synod to be sold at \$4.00 per copy.

8. That Synod elect by ballot the Director of Educational Services to a three year term to begin June 1, 1978 and the Board places in nomination the name of Lee P. Bittner, III.

9. That up to \$4,200 of the salaries of the Directors of the Board, Lee Bittner, D. E. S. and Ron Nickerson, Director of Publications, be

designated as housing allowance.

10.

That Synod give five minutes each to Mr. Bittner and Mr. Nickerson as directors serving the Board.

> Respectfully submitted Bruce R. Bockensto

The Preliminary Report of the Finance Committee was distributed, read and discussed.

It was announced that Lee Bittner was re-elected to the office of Director of Educational Services.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Paul Martin.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1977, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment at Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania on Thursday, June 9, 1977, at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Kenneth Thompson.

The Roll was taken.

Bruce Willson led the court in devotions preaching from Amos 7:1-16 on the theme "The Call of God to Amos-To Speak to the Culture of His Day".

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee distributed a ballot for information.

The Committee on Pastors Salaries gave a verbal report stating that they could not report on Paper 77-4 to this Synod. It was moved that they report to next Synod.

The Order of the Day, Unfinished Business, Item 8 - The Report of the Committee to Interpret Phrases in the Overture on Session-Controlled Communion was taken up. The previous question was called for and carried. The report was adopted.

It was moved that we reconsider the Report of the Committee to Interpret Phrases in the Overture on Session-Controlled Communion at another time in this Synod.

The Order of the Day, The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. At the request of the Committee, Chapter 4 was taken up. Changes in the text were noted. Following the discussion, the chapter was recommitted for further work to be reported on to next Synod. At the request of the Committee, Chapter 6 was taken up. Changes in the text were noted. Following discussion the chapter was adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote. At the request of the Committee, Chapter 10 was taken up. Changes in the text were noted. Following discussion the chapter was adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote. The recommendations of the report were taken up and adopted. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE TESTIMONY REVISION COMMITTEE

During the year, the committee received many helpful suggestions for the improvement of the Testimony revision. The committee would like to thank all those, both sessions and individuals, who spent time in studying the revision and in sending in suggestions. It is apparent that much study has gone into the revision, and the committee believes that this is in the spirit of seeking a testimony that really does speak for the church.

The committee, with all members present, met for two and half days at Geneve College, from March 22-24, to study the suggestions. At that meeting, we were able to complete Chapters 1-13 (pages 1-35), and it is these corrected pages that are found in the following pages in the Digest. You will find that almost every page has been changed to a greater or lesser degree from the study guide presented to the 1976 Synod.

There is one notable exception to the above. In the revision, the committee had added a section on economics to Chapter 4 on Creation. In our study this spring we were unable to complete the revision of that material, and the committee is not united on the suitable place to insert that material. So while the section is not being dropped, it is not included in the revision presented to this Synod.

In addition to the material in the text itself, there were a number of comments received by the committee regarding the format; that is, of placing the Testimony in a parallel column with the Confession. The committee considered these at the opening of our meeting in March and concluded that we should continue in the present plan. However, the committee is prepared to present the matter of the format to this Synod as one area for discussion, so that all views may be aired.

The Clerk of Synod in his report will be repeating the recommendations of last Synod with respect to the manner in which debate will be carried out on the revision. If these are adopted by this Synod as part of the Clerk's report, they will guide us in our debate. While there may need to be some allowance made on the time allowed for the discussion of certain chapters, the committee believes that the prohibition against amendments being made from the floor is essential to an orderly progression.

The committee would make one final suggestion as you study this material. Some will feel very strongly about certain points and will be prepared to make a speech. Please check carefully in this revision to make sure that the problem still exists, for it may be that a change has already been made at that particular point.

1. That sessions and individuals be encouraged to study remaining sections of the proposed Testimony and send suggested revisions to the committee chairman by March 1, 1978.

James D. Carson 230 Cherry Drive Pasadena, CA 91105

2. That sections adopted at this meeting (1977) be printed in the Appendix of the Minutes.

3. That an extra day be planned for the 1978 Synod for the purpose

of considering the remaining chapters.

Respectfully submitted, James D. Carson, Chairman

Committee Members:

Roy M. Adams S. Ray Blair E. Clark Copeland D. Howard Elliott Joseph Lamont William H. Russell Wayne R. Spear S. Bruce Willson J. Renwick Wright

The Report of the Women's Association was taken up, received, and is as follows:

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION 80TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY January 1, 1976—December 31, 1976

The fifteen-member Board of Directors held regular monthly meetings (August excluded because of Carleton Conference), executive meetings when called, as well as special committee meetings.

The following officers were elected at a meeting called following the annual Association Meeting:

President Mrs. Miriam Wenkhous
Vice-President Mrs. Ethyl Copeland
Recording Secretary Miss Adella Lawson
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Nina Sharrer
Treasurer Mrs. Mabel Hemphill
Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Shirley McMillan

Mrs. Mary George was made a consultative member for 1976.

Committee chairmen:

Mrs. Ethyl Copeland Admissions Mrs. Shirley McMillan Personnel & Finance Dr. Betty Kilpatrick Public Relations Mrs. Grace Smith Social Mrs. Eleanor Walsh Interment Mrs. Faith Martin General Planning Mrs. Floy Smith **Donations** Mrs. Agnes Clarke Legislative

Members receiving their Home call this year were: Mrs. Frank L. (Hattie) Stewart on March 26, 1976.

Mrs. J. Walker (Mary) Wilson on March 27, 1976.

Miss Inez Smith on April 17, 1976. Dr. C. T. Carson on July 14, 1976.

Mrs. James D. (Ethel) Bowser on November 14, 1976.

New members welcomed to the Home family:

Miss Myrtle Wylie May 21, 1976
Miss Agnes Lytle July 1, 1976
Miss Rose Munnell July 20, 1976
Miss Inez Taggart August 2, 1976
Miss Marie Taggart August 2, 1976
Miss Anna Blair (probation) November 18, 1976
Mrs. Helen Hugg (probation) November 23, 1976

At the regular monthly meetings there are devotions led by a Board member, a report given of the health and well being of the Home Family and a written as well as an oral report from the Superintendent, keeping the Board informed in all areas involved in making this facility a beneficial and smooth running operation. There are the officers' and committee chaimen's reports which are discussed, studied and acted upon always with the best interest of the residents in mind.

Much thought has been given to improving the property within and without. The Board has visited other Homes to get new ideas. At least one member has attended classes to train consumers to be Board members in non-profit homes. Various ways of advertising the Home, some old and some new, have been used to attract new members to the Home as well as to solicit financial support.

Salaries of administrators as well as other personnel were increased.

Operational costs have risen and it was found necessary to increase the rates as well.

Spiritual, social and recreational activities for the members still have high priority. There are the worship services, the Bible studies, the prayer times as well as the concern and thought shown in word and deed individually that undergirds the entire program.

The McKee Dinner, birthdays, especially the 90th (this year there were two observed—Miss Rae Forsyth in November and Mrs. Inez Dill in December), visiting groups bringing gifts and/or programs and seasonal activities are always enjoyed by the Members. The Board members make regular monthly visits as well as more casual ones as opportunity permits.

The members of the Board wish to express their thanks to Superintendent Martin, Mr. Sanderson, Miss Weatherford and the entire Home staff as well as to all the volunteer workers, for their concern and efforts in behalf of the comfort and welfare of each member.

The Board also wishes to thank the Auxiliary for the work and effort expended to make the Bazaar and Bake Sale the success they were.

Any member in good standing in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, N.A., may become an Association member by payment of \$1.00 annual dues; a Life Member by the gift of \$25.00 at one time, or a Life Director by the gift of \$100.00 at one time. By the same donation, one may be named a Life Member or Life Director in Memoriam.

It is with overflowing thanks to our Heavenly Father for His solutions to our problems, His supplying our every need, and His guidance each step of the way, that this eightieth annual report is respectfully submitted.

Adella Lawson, Recording Secretary

Exhibit "B"

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND CURRENT FUND

	December 31	
INCOME	1976	1975
Association Dues	\$ 536	\$ 506
Donations	29,657	25,335
Bequests	12,333	11,074
Supplemental Security Income	8,782	8,033
Pension & Social Security	78,413	81,112
Interest on Bonds	22,480	23,009
Interest on Savings	5,561	5,295
Interest on Endowment with Synod	6,269	6,177
Dividends	19,784	17,606
Medicare Payments	826	439
Share of Synod Budget	8,750	4,250
Transfer from Members Funds	16,333	21,057
Miscellaneous Income	1,134	2,415
Life Incurance Proceeds	1,322	3,023
Members Boarding Payments	57,432	42,013
TOTAL INCOME	269,612	251,344
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries	180,916	147,834
Payroll Taxes	13,671	11,080
Allowance to Members	5,334	5,853
Food	26,594	30,048
Utilities	14,846	12,612
Maintenance	11,651	10,163
Transportation	1,380	1,080
Office	1,800	1,628
Insurance	9,290	6,561
Drugs and Medical	9,8 : 3	7,807
Burial Expense	3,621	3,254
Furnishings and Equipment	2,079	10,991
Telephone	1,067	809
General	5,526	2,502
Audit, Accounting and Legal	2,814	2,609
Investment Services	3,818	2,898
Investment Property Expense	305	1,088
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	294,535	258,817
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME	\$ 24,923	\$ 7,473
CURRENT FUND, BEGINNING OF YEAR	77,674	85,147
CURRENT FUND, END OF YEAR	\$ 52,751	\$ 77,674

The Report of the Committee to Interpret Phrases in the Overture on Session-Controlled Communion was taken up, discussed, and referred to a new committee for further work and to report back to this meeting of Synod.

The Report of the Graduate Study Fund was taken up. The Procedural Steps were adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDY FUND

In keeping with the instructions of the 1976 Synod, the Committee to administer the Graduate Study Fund hereby submits its policies governing allocation of funds. (This is reprinted from the 1962 Minutes of Synod, pp. 91, 92 with one change made by Synod in 1973, 1973 Minutes of Synod, p. 88.) Some procedural steps are added and are presented as recommendations to this meeting of Synod.

POLICIES

- 1. The name of the Fund will be the GRADUATE STUDY FUND OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN (COVENANTER) CHURCH.
- 2. The purpose of the Fund shall be to help to make possible work toward graduate degrees for certain selected qualified Covenanters so that their usefulness in the Covenanter church may be greatly increased.
- 3. This Fund is established by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.
- 4. This Fund will be administered by a committee consisting of the Presidents of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Geneva College and Synod's Board of Education and Publication.
- 5. Any member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church who can be admitted by a recognized graduate school is eligible to apply for financial assistance from this fund. In renewing applications for financial assistance the committee will give consideration to all known pertinent information, including the following:
 - a. The present position of the applicant in relation to the current needs of the church.
 - b. Academic record, and where applicable, occupational experience.
 - c. Statement of applicant's intended area of service to the church.
 - d. Recommendations, with special reference to the applicant's probable success as a graduate student and in the area of his intended service in the church.
 - e. Statement of applicant's financial need.

- 6. Financial assistance shall be in the form of an interest-bearing loan, the repayment of which shall be forgiven, both as to principal and interest, at the rate of ten percent each year for a period of ten years, or such part thereof as the borrower is in the full-time employment of the Covenanter Church.
- 7. The Nature of the Loan-Agreement

a. The agreement shall be in the form of a four percent interest-

bearing note.

b. Payment of principal and interest shall be made in ten annual installments with the first payment becoming due and payable one year from the completion of the program of study which has been approved by the committee administering this Graduate Study Fund.

c. The annual payment of principal and interest will be forgiven for each year the borrower is in the full-time employment of the Covenanter Church. Such employment for a period of ten years will satisfy the requirements of the note in full.

d. The borrower's obligation to repay his loan is to be cancelled in the event of his death or permanent and total disability.

PROCEDURAL STEPS

1. Those applying for financial assistance from the Graduate Study Fund should make such application by May 1st of the year prior to

the year for which they are requesting financial aid.

2. The administrators of the Graduate Study Fund will process all requests for aid according to the policies stated above, and will present the amount of those requests which are approved to the Finance Committee of the Synod at the time of their Synod meet-

3. Funds made available through Synod's Budget and the recommendations of the Finance Committee adopted by the Synod will be administered by the Committee to administer the Graduate Study Fund with due consideration to all requests that have been approved.

4. It will be the responsibility of the Committee to administer the Graduate Study Fund to keep the policies and procedural steps of

the Fund before the church.

ACTIVITY IN 1976

Wayne R. Spear completed his Ph.D. program this year and was the only recipient of funds from the Graduate Study Fund in 1976.

Balance in the Fund, January, 1976 Receipts	\$ 684.04 1022.50
	\$1706.54
Disbursements, Loan	1248.45
	\$ 458.09

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that the above procedural steps be approved.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Donald Birdsall
Edwin C. Clarke
Bruce C. Stewart, Chairman

The Report of the Delegate to the National Association of Evangelicals Convention was taken up. Items 1-3 were adopted. Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE NAE CONVENTION

The annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals met in Chicago's Arlington Park Hotel February 22-24, 1977. This being the media-labelled "Year of the Evangelical", the event received nationwide TV coverage. The packed program included speakers at three evening sessions (Donn Moomaw, pastor of Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Evangelist Luis Palau, president of Overseas Crusades, and Charles Colson, author of the best selling "Born Again"), several concurrent luncheons, and more than a score of "workshops" (seminars), which were guaranteed to stimulate thought-provoking insights and discussions at intellectual and practical levels covering a wide spectrum of subject matter. Also, an impressive array of exhibits demonstrated a healthy level of year round activities on educational and evangelistic fronts. Our own Geneva College and Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary were well represented by Mr. Lee Troup and Dr. Jack White for the college, and Pres. Bruce Stewart for the seminary. Pastors Robert Henning and Robert Morrow attended with a special interest in Foreign Missions and Pensions, Dr. D. Howard Elliott continues to serve as denominational representative on the N. A. E. Board of Administration, and Mrs. Martha Edgar as denominational representative to the Womens Fellowship.

The representation from the Reformed consensus, while visible at the convention in the seminar, exhibit, and participating delegate divisions, could be profitably reinforced. It was evident that a growing mutual benefit results from this fellowship among brethren of Reformed and evangelical commitments.

In the workshop seminars, evangelical and theological higher education received particular attention as did the role of church planting by the local congregation, students and missions, concern for the family, the layman, the pastor, congregational goals, to mention a few. A sample of subjects: "The Cultivation of Christian Support for Evangelical Higher Education" (Rev. Harvey DeVries), "The Role of the President and Development Director in Stewardship Development" (Dr. Robert O. Fraley), "Independence: The Current Struggle Against Government Control of Evangelical Higher Education" (Dr. John Howard); in missions, "Contextualizing Christianity: How Far?" (Dr. Harvie Conn of Westminster Seminary), "What Students are Asking About Missions" (J. Herbert Kane), and "Missions in the Student World" (Dr. David Howard); in congregational growth, "The Mother Church and Planned Parenthood" (Rev. Sherman Williams), "Discovering Congregational Goals", and "Structuring Your Church for Stewardship Growth".

At the business sessions, drafts were presented and passed on the Infallibility of the Word ("God's Word, our Infallible Guide"), the need for national repentance from moral decadence ("A Call to Repentance"), the world wide "mind-set that assumes the only way to solve problems is by might and power" ("The Use of Force"), and the persecution of Christians in Uganda ("Violation of Human Rights in Uganda").

A growing evangelical and Reformed interest in church planting was evidenced at the convention. Your delegate attended one related seminar, "The Mother Church and Planned Parenthood". There is a growing available bibliography showing keen and significant upgrading of evangelical interest and priority being given to what we in the Reformed consensus would describe as the propagation of covenant communities. Church planting is becoming "front burner" concern.

Your delegate wishes to thank the Synod for the opportunity of attending, and would heartily recommend this experience to pastors and elders as well worth the time and effort.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the Synod prayerfully consider the importance of upgrading the priority of church planting, especially in locations adjacent to major student population centers.
- 2. That the Presbyteries be encouraged to give particular attention to

the opportunities for church planting, by careful choosing of leadership personnel for their Church Extension Commissions or Committees.

3. That we consider the World Relief Commission as a global oppor-

tunity for congregational mercy fund participation.

4. That we continue to express our support of, and participation in the work of the N. A. E. by contributing \$400.00 from the Miscellaneous Fund, aside from our annual contribution, to the N. A. E. building program of \$600,000.00.

Respectfully submitted, Raymond P. Joseph, delegate

The Court was recessed in prayer by the Moderator.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1977, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Raymond Hemphill. The Roll was noted.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Order of the Day—the election of delegates to fill the vacancies on Boards and Standing Committees of Synod was taken up. It was moved that this be laid on the table until after the afternoon break.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read and

approved.

The Report of the Committee to Interpret Phrases in the Overture on Session-Controlled Communion was taken up. Changes in the text were noted. Item C was taken up and adopted. The Report was taken up adopted and is as follows:

REPORT TO SYNOD OF 1977 by the

COMMITTEE TO INTERPRET PHRASES IN OVERTURE ON SES-SION-CONTROLLED COMMUNION

See Minutes of R. P. C. N. A. Synod of 1976, Pages 108, 109 and The Report of the Nominating Committee, Item #15.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee's assignment was to provide an interpretation of two phrases which occur in the first and third paragraphs of the Overture on Session-Controlled Communion. To provide the context of these two phrases we quote the paragraphs involved:

A. The Lord's Supper is to be administered only to those who have been baptized, and are communicant members in good standing in some true branch of the visible church.

- C. Every session must guard the purity of the Sacrament by exercising diligent and continual oversight of those under its care, never assuming that church membership alone is sufficient basis for admission to the Sacrament. Those who seek to commune, but are not under care of the session, <u>must be examined</u>.
- (** The two phrases concerned are underlined.)

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. "some true branch of the Visible Church."
 - 1. Your Committee does not feel that Synod is competent to exercise infallible judgement on all existing Christian denominations or churches in order to draw up an official, alphabetical list of true branches of the Visible Church. We suggest that Synod begin with a broad assumption similar to that now used by our denominations with respect to the validity of the sacrament of baptism administered by other churches. Except where specifically rejected by Synodical action, all existing denominations until proven otherwise shall be assumed to be true branches of the Visible Church.
 - 2. This broad assumption should not be taken by sessions as an excuse for indifference to the denominations or churches from which applicants for occasional communion in our church may come. Those Biblical marks of the Ture Church set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXV, section iv, must be carefully applied by the sessions to each situation. ("This catholic Church hath been sometimes more, sometimes less visible. And particular Churches, which are members thereof, are more or less pure, according as the doctrine of the Gospel is taught and embraced, ordinances administered, and public worship performed more or less purely in them.") WCF, XXV, iv.
 - 3. We recommend, therefore, that sessions inquire of each non-member applicant for participation in the Lord's Supper concerning his good standing in a denomination or church, and that he be asked about his church's history, creedal confession, worship, administration of the sacraments in his church as well as other related questions to try to determine whether the church in question is indeed a true branch of the Visible Church. Difficult cases should be taken to Presbytery for counsel if necessary.

C. "must be examined."

Both RPCNA members and non-RPCNA members shall be examined by the Session.

A statement of commendation or certification from another RPCNA Session shall be honored by an examining session; the examination of other RPCNA members may be conducted on an informal basis. Such examinations shall be reported to the session.

When the examination pertains to one who is not a member of the RPCNA, it shall be held in constituted court, with the applicant present to answer questions. The session shall carefully examine each applicant regarding his own Christian faith and life, trying to determine whether the applicant spiritually discerns the Lord's body in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Also, apart from the distinctive principles of the RPCNA with which the non-RPCNA applicant may feel unable to agree, the session ought to try to determine whether the applicant accepts and promises to obey the general Biblical requirements for Christian discipleship.

The original Committee was made up of:

James M. Wright

John D. Bailey

Signed:

Jerrold Milroy, Chairman John McMillan D. Ray Wilcox

Samuel E.Boyle, Chairman

Dean R. Smith Robert McFarland

The following protest was registered with the clerk:

As chairman of Synod's committee, I have sought to bring in the enclosed report as a consensus of opinion from the four members nominated to this Committee. This does not mean that we all agree with the Overture on Restricted Communion. The assignment assumes that said Overture has been passed and is henceforth the law and order of the church. On that premise I have cooperated and signed this report. I wish at the same time to register my protest against the radical change by this Overture from the former method of closed communion, wherein only members in good standing in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A. could partake of the Lord's Supper in our denominational communion services. I view the annulment of that historic discipline as a departure from the Biblical, covenanted unity of the Visible Church, and destructive of the long historic testimony of the Covenanter's Church.

Respectfully yours, Samuel E. Boyle

I agree with the above. D. Ray Wilcox S. Bruce Willson Paper 77-5 concerning the administration of the Lord's Supper to those who have been baptised but not professing members of the Visible Church was taken up and returned to the senders.

The Rev. Mr. Paul Treick, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Church in the U. S., Eureka Classis was introduced to the court and brought fraternal greetings.

The Order of the Day-voting on vacancies on Boards and Standing Committees of the Synod was taken up. The Court proceeded to vote.

The Report of the Reformation Translation Fellowship was taken up. Charles Chao addressed the Court on behalf of the organization. The Report was received and is as follows:

THE REFORMATION TRANSLATION FELLOWSHIP REPORT TO THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SYNOD, 1977

The Reformation Translation Fellowship has completed its 27th year, and its members—and that is not merely the founders, officers, board members, and contributors, but all who have given encouragement over the years by prayer, letters, contributions and by showing interest—we give thanks to God for His continuing mercies.

The quarterly **Reformed Faith and Life** continues to go out. Mr. Chao teaches also at the China Evangelical Seminary's Theological Education by Extension (TEE). 25 of the 60 translated books stocked by the RTF are out of print, but are still in demand. They must be reprinted, for they are works of permanent value, such as **Calvin's Commentary on Romans**, for which Taiwan Theological College awaits filling of an order for 60 copies. It will take \$1,200 to reprint this book alone. Three other standard works, Boettner's **Inspiration of the Scriptures**, and O. T. Allis' two volumes, **God Spake by Moses**, and **Old Testament Prophecy**, are all out of print. The materials originally were sent free to Chinese pastors and others, but now they are well known and the sale of the books helps substantially in bearing the expense of printing. However, editions of 2,000, which is the customary run, is not sufficient to make book sale enough, even to repay fully for printing costs.

We are grateful for the honor of the Doctor of Divinity degree, bestowed on Mr. Chao last month by Geneva College. Also, we are grateful for the courtesy, through Mr. Chao's daughter, Helen, who works for Pan-Am Airlines, of greatly reduced air fares for Mr. Chao. Also, we are happy that Mrs. Chao could come with her husband on this trip from Taiwan.

A Chinese Congress on World Evangelism was held last year in Hong Kong, with 1,607 delegates, only 30 to 40 of whom were missionaries. The Hong Kong government restricted the number of delegates that might come from Taiwan—Mr. Chao was not present, but his son, Samuel was—and they also required that leaders in the meetings not mention the name of the Republic of China (Taiwan, or free China). A major concern of Chinese Christians, thus, could not be officially considered, namely, the evangelization of Mainland China. This shows the atmosphere in the Far East, and in Hong Kong particularly.

In the Chung Yuan Christian College of Science and Engineering—where Samuel Chao teaches—the Chaplain promotes and uses RTF materials for classroom and evangelistic purposes, among the 5,000—mostly non-Christian—students.

We again express our deep gratitude to the Board of Foreign Missions for our annual grant to the RTF, and for Synod's commending our work to the generous support of the Covenanter Church.

The Report of the Committee on Travel Funds and Absences was taken up. Item 1 was adopted. Synod acted to reconsider Item 1. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Items 3, 4, and 5 were adopted. The Report was received and is as follows.

COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL FUND AND ABSENCES

Your committee would report that this year's travel fund expenses amount to \$13,507.

COMPARATIVE REPORT					
Year	Rate	Receipts	Amount Paid	Difference	
72	\$2.25	\$ 9,207.57	\$12,520.68	\$(3,313.11)	
73	2.25	10,673.73	10,422.73	(3,062.11	
74	2.75	10,568.00	13,660.01	(6,154.12)	
75	3.25	13,980.70	11,514.25	(3,781.37)	
76	3.75	15,141.50	21,538.95	(6,397.45)	
77	4.00**	16,000.00*			

*Estimated

**This is to be paid to the Denominational Treasurer by 12-31-77

The following men made known to your Committee on Travel Fund that Absences their reasons for not attending this year's Synod or leaving meetings:

Norman Carson—optional attendance because of teaching responsibilities at Geneva College

Kermit Edgar—optional attendance because of work pertaining to the Committee on Arrangements and Devotions

John McMillan—was admitted to an area hospital for observation and missed the Friday and Saturday sessions

Wendell Spear—alternate delegate from Walton, teaching responsibilities

Ronald Nickerson—to perform a wedding service in Cambridge, Mass.

David Coon-due to graduation exercises in Chicago, Illinois

William Cornell—work responsibilities

Robert McMillan, T. A. Price—due to a death in the Newburg-Coldenham congregation

Other delegates left early for travel reasons.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the 1978 Synod Travel allowances be:
 - a. Delegates shall be reimbursed for travel expenses on the basis of air coach fare and transportation to and from the airport, unless it is cheaper to drive, or unless two or more delegates travel together. For those paid on the basis of driving a car, Synod shall pay 10¢ per mile, plus highway and bridge tolls.
 - b. Round trip bus or train fare for delegates using these modes of travel.
- 2. That the congregational travel assessment for 1978 be set by the Committee on Finance.
- 3. That delegates be paid by check.
- 4. Certain persons have apparently neglected their responsibility to attend Synod and the names of these delegates should be made known to their presbyteries for proper counsel.

5. That we thank Miss Judy Linhart and Mr. Louis Hutmire for their help.

Respectfully submitted, David L. Burke Ronald V. Good, Chairman

The Court took recess in prayer by Paul Wilson.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1977, 7:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Ray Joseph.

The Roll was noted.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

A letter bearing fraternal greetings from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland was read. The Order of the Day—The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary was taken up. Item 4 was adopted and the Synod proceeded to the election of a fourth professor for the Seminary. Clark Copeland led the Court in prayer for guidance before the vote was taken. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 1977

PROGRESS REPORT ON SEMINARY APPROVAL

On November 10, 1976, official notice was given that final approval of the Master of Divinity program had been granted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. Therefore, after many years of effort this degree granting privilege without qualification has been finally attained by the Seminary. For this we give thanks to God.

DEGREE PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees in its meeting of May 11, 1977, granted the Seminary the right to offer within the scope of its degree program the following diploma or certificate programs: the Diploma program, the Missionary Candidate Certificate Program, the Training in Ministry Certificate Program.

FACULTY AND CURRICULUM

Dr. S. Bruce Willson has continued his service with the Seminary as Registrar and Professor of Church History. He will continue to hold both positions for one more year. Dr. Wayne Spear received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in conjunction with his work at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on December 20, 1976. Two courses-Beginning Greek and The Minister's Personal Life-will be offered this summer. Charles Leach, a 1977 graduate of the Seminary, will replace Paul Copeland as a part-time instructor of Greek and Hebrew during the coming academic year. The Seminary administration, after consultation with the faculty, recommended to the Board a realignment of teaching positions. This realighment was proposed (1) because of the excessive teaching load being carried in both Old and New Testament by Dr. Clark Copeland and (2) because Dr. Spear's doctoral program concentrated on church history. The Board, through its executive committee, then notified the Church of this realignment and the fact that, with Synod's approval, such a realighment would call for election of a Professor of New Testament studies rather than a Professor of Church History as previously announced.

STUDENTS

During the academic year a total of 41 students were enrolled in courses at the Seminary. Ten denominations, in addition to our own, were represented in the student body. Out of a total of 18 full-time students, 10 were Reformed Presbyterian, N. A. Five additional RPCNA students attended on a part-time or extension basis. The following students wire granted the degree of Master of Divinity: Stanley R. Copeland, Jay E. Fluck, Bruce J. Gardner, George A. Hueber, Charles W. Leach, Jr., David A. Peachy, and Donald W. Piper.

LIBRARY

477 volumes have been acquired in the past year. The number of volumes contained in the Associate Presbyterian collection has been revised downward slightly. This brings the total number of volumes held in the library to 18,477, plus 400 tapes and 135 periodicals currently received. Miss Ann Frohlich has been retained as Librarian for the coming academic year.

FINANCES

In 1976 the Board of Trustees approved a new statement of Student Aid Agreement; this statement has been in use this year, and repayments of outstanding loans has proceeded in a satisfactory manner. Efforts in the areas of promotion and fund-raising have been increased. Gifts increased this past year to nearly \$9,000. Total receipts in 1976 were \$121,123.84. Cash available was \$118,974.87. Expenditures were \$116,103.41. The balance as of December 31, 1976, was \$2,811.46. Income matching gifts were up \$1,000 this past year. Gifts from Board members were approximately \$700. An anonymous gift of \$1100 was received. Other gifts included \$714 from the North Hills congregation, \$500 from Mrs. Hattie Dodds DeVries, \$500 from James Brown, and \$700 from the Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

Salary adjustments were made according to the scale set by Synod. A new salary scale was approved by the Board for presentation to this Synod. \$11,408.26 was received in tuition, up more than \$2,000 over 1976.

BOARD OFFICERS

The officers of the Board are:

President: Lester E. Kilpatrick Vice President: John O. Edgar Secretary: Norman M. Carson Treasurer: Louis D. Hutmire

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That John Tweed and Dale Mussleman be elected to serve on the

Board, class of 1983, the latter to succeed himself.

2. That the following realignment of the teaching positions at the Seminary be approved by this Synod:

Professor Copeland—Old Testament and History of Missions Professor Spear—Systematic Theology and several Church History Courses

Professor Stewart—Pastoral Theology, Speech, Homiletics (Professor Elect)—New Testament, two Church History Courses

3. That the following nominations be presented to the Synod for Professor of New Testament Studies, election to follow:

J. Renwick Wright Paul Copeland

4. That the following salary scale (1977-) for Seminary professors be adopted:

Faculty, \$14,000 to \$20,000 (includes \$4,200 housing allowance)

President, an additional \$1,250 to \$2,000.

5. That Dr. Bruce Stewart be heard on behalf of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted, Norman M. Carson, Secretary

The Order of the Day—The Report of The Board of Foreign Missions was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominations Committee. Items 2 and 3 were adopted. The Report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

"... all the ends of the earth shall fear him." Psalm 67:7. A reminder to us of the need of living in obedience to the Great Commission in order that this prophecy will be fulfilled.

During the past year we held one of our regular meetings in Shawnee, Kansas and another in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. In connection with each of these meetings a public meeting was held and a panel of board members presented a current report of the work and goals of our board, in the carrying on of our church's overseas ministry. We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperative spirit shown by the churches in each area, both in providing hospitality and in sending congregational representatives to the meetings. We hope to meet in other presbyteries of the church in the future, as finances will allow.

In accordance with the actions taken by the 1976 Synod governing the support of workers in "specialized overseas ministries," we have taken action to support Miss Christina Boyle as a trainee and overseas worker under Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. We are in the process of drawing up a cooperative agreement between our Board and Wycliffe which will make clear the mutual responsibilities of each agency and the freedom of the worker to present the Gospel fully according to the Reformed view. Miss Boyle has completed her "jungle camp" training and has been available for deputation work in our churches this spring.

We have also developed procedures for considering any future opportunities for requests for supporting other specialized overseas ministeries.

Miss Laura Boye has been serving effectively this year as a worker in Scotland, under the supervision of the Glasgow and Wishaw sessions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Our policy of optional terms and furloughs for our missionaries is now in operation. (Refer to 1976 report for details.) Since our report to last Synod, we have changed our policy to allow first-term missionaries to have the same options as the others provided that they commit themselves to return to the field for another term.

We are currently developing a more definite policy concerning the development of autonomy for the churches on our mission fields.

Three members of our Board attended the meeting in November 1976 of foreign mission representatives from denominations in NAPARC. Another meeting is planned for this fall.

The third Reformed Missions Consultation was held at Geneva College in Beaver Falls in April. Our executive secretary was coordinator and others served on the committee. There is no official status for these meetings and attendance is by invitation.

A New Field committee has been working since our September meeting but at this stage we have nothing definite to report. We are exploring several possibilities but are not ready to recommend any proposals.

Information on Cyprus

The Synod of 1976 granted autonomy to the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus. The Alpha and Oxxga Educational Foundation in September, 1976, approved a proposal that they assume administration of the Nicosia Academy pending the signing of formal agreement and the transfer of the property used by the American Academy for Girls, Nicosia, and the granting of a loan of \$5000, (as per action of Synod, 1976) upon signing of the agreement. We have not, therefore, been formally involved in missionary activity in Cyprus.

The Greek Evangelical Church functions under a session of three, Rev. C. C. Christou and ruling elders, Kyriokos Philippides and Nicos

Savva. Services are held in three places: Nicosia, Larnaca and Limassol.

It is anticipated that by the meeting of Synod the legal steps will be completed and the transfer of property will be in process so that the administration of the Nicosia Academy will be confirmed under the Alpha and Omega Evangelical Foundation. Miss Ruth Reade has been under their employment since July 1, 1976. Since that time she has been on terminal furlough and this will continue until July 1, 1977. She plans to continue to work in the Academy.

In accord with the action of Synod and receipt of satisfactory report from the American Academy Alumni Foundation, Larnaca, in January 1977, the Board authorized Synod's Board of Trustees to transfer to the Foundation the property leased to them for operating the Academy. When the property is transferred, the Agreement and Lease will be terminated and the transfer of administration will be made final.

The transfer of the Larnaca Church property and the cemetary to the Greek Evangelical Church in Cyprus is in process, as well as a request to the Cyprus Government that the lease for the Troodos Summer Camp be transferred to the Greek Evangelical Church.

We are retaining the Carithers Hall property for which the Trustees are receiving bids for sale; and the Mission House, Larnaca, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edgar. Mr. Edgar plans to retire as Principal of the Larnace Academy as of the end of this school year, if the Foundation can secure a replacement for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Copeland and their sons are in Larnaca where Mr. Copeland is employed as teacher in the Academy. They are also contributing to the life of the Church in Cyprus.

We commend to the Church for your prayers and encouragement: The Church in Cyprus, Miss Ruth Reade, the Thomas Edgars and the Daniel Copelands. We encourage you to correspond with those in Cyprus.

Japan Church Progresses

Evidence of how the Lord is blessing the work in Japan and placing the government of the Church increasingly into the hands of national Christians is seen in the membership of the Japan Commission. At present, there are 6 Japanese and 3 Americans on the Commission. Two of these members, pastors Nobuo Miwa and Shigeru Takiura, are in the United States engaged in educational pursuits. Mr. Miwa studies at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh and Mr. Takiura at the Reformed Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. Takiura plans to return to Japan this summer, and Mr. Miwa will extend his study in the U.S. into the new term.

Pastor Toshio Masunaga has experienced considerable physical

difficulty since returning to his pastorate at Higashi Suma Church. At this writing, the causes are not fully known, but the Board encourages prayer for his full return to strength. Pastor and Mrs. Spear and their family returned for another term in Japan, and have been continuing work at the Keiyaku Church. Pastor James Pennington pursues his work at the Kasumigaoka Church in Tarumi, and Pastor William Sterrett has been assigned by the Japan Commission to the new mission area of Suzurandai, where he has been making contacts and leading in Bible Studies for some time.

Miss Oreta Everett is the first to make use of the optional terms and furloughs plan presented this year. After a three year term, she arrived in the U. S. on March 2, 1977 for a six month furlough, and is scheduled to return to the field in September 1977. The Japan Mission has worked out a tentative term and furlough schedule proposal for the Board, implementing these options. Miss Orlena Lynn continues to direct the Japan Book Room work, where through a quarter of a century there has been sustained a remarkable literature witness to the Orient.

Miss Patsy Boyle, a Mission Associate in Japan, lived in a TEAM mission center much of the year, teaching English Bible classes, and probably will be teaching in an Osaka Girls' School later on this year. Patsy has not found it without difficulty serving as a self-supporting worker in Japan, but it is hoped that the new working arrangement will afford her greater freedom to fulfill her desire in going to that land. The Board is convinced that the concept of "mission associate" described in last year's report encompasses an area of opportunity in other lands that must be fully explored and implemented.

We continue to encourage the Church to envision the greatness of the work which is being accomplished by the Reformation Translation Fellowship under the leadership of Rev. Charles Chao. His extended trip last year has enlarged the support and outreach of that work. Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of Rev. E. C. Copeland, Rev. John McMillan, Mr. T. Andrew Price, Rev. J. Paul Wilson, and Miss Rachel George expire their successors should be elected. (Note action of last Synod in regards to the make up of the Board.)

2. That the Japan Commission be made up of all ordained ministers

and one elder from each congregation.

 That the Board of Home Missions and Board of Foreign Missions work together as boards or by joint committees in considering crosscultural mission work in North America and/or inner-city mission work.

> Respectfully submitted, R. A. Henning, Executive Secretary

The Report of the Japan Commission was read, received and appears with the reports on presbyteries and commissions.

The following resolution was brought to the Synod:

The Reformation Translation Fellowship has voted to place before our Board of Foreign Missions the suggestion that our denomination resume work among the Chinese people of Taiwan.

The resolution was referred to the Board of Foreign Missions for study.

It was moved that the time be extended tonight to 10:00 p.m. and that we set a target time of 5:00 p.m. Friday agternoon. The motion carried.

The results of the election of a Seminary Professor were read. Renwick Wright was declared elected.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up. Items 1-7 were adopted.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Donald Birdsall.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in Alexander Hall, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania on Friday, June 10, 1977 at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Carl Mathews.

The Roll was noted.

James Wright led the court in devotions preaching from Acts 9:15-16; 26:12-19 on the theme "The Call of God to Paul-To Bear Christ's Name Before All Men".

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was taken up. Item 10 was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Officers of the Church was taken up. It was moved that after 30 minutes discussion the report be referred back to the committee. The motion carried.

The following statement concerning the effect of the overture on Session-Controlled Communion in the church was registered and is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren,

We wish to register our concern in regard to the far reaching implications of the newly adopted position called Session-Controlled Communion.

It is our belief and fear that this new position will result in the fragmentation of the corporate nature of the church; a neglect of the God-given authority assigned by God to the courts of the church; and the encouragement of an unscriptural individualistic congregational attitude within the church.

These developments, if allowed to grow, may so segment the church that its effectiveness in holding forth a corporate testimony of truth, throughout the world will be seriously hindered.

While possessing full intention to abide by this new relaxed standard, we view the annulment of our historic position with great concern. We believe this new ambiguous practice of Session-Controlled Communion to be a departure from the Biblical covenanted unity of the visible church.

Wyley Caskey Shigeru Takiura Don Birdsall Eldo McFarland Waldo Mitchel Fred Millican Kenneth McBurney Thomas Hutcheson Lester Kilpatrick Robert H. McFarland Bruce Hemphill Neal K. Mann Bud Bender Robert Fullerton G. M. Robb Luther McFarland John McFarland

It was moved that two new members be appointed to the Committee on Officers of the Church. The motion carried and was referred to the Nominating Committee.

The Reports of Iowa, Midwest, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh and St. Lawrence Presbyteries and the Japan Commission were read, received and are as follows:

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY

lowa Presbytery would report that since the last meeting of Synod we have had one regular meeting, held April 13, 1977.

There are five congregations, four of these having settled pastors and one, Morning Sun, continuing to depend upon pulpit supply (usually provided by the Sharon pastor). Lake Reno has a communicant membership of 26 and an average attendance at morning worship of 21, Marion has a communicant membership of 35 and an average attendance at morning worship of 36, Morning Sun has 20 and 10 respectively, Sharon has 121 and 65, and Washington has 83 and 84. Washington is the only congregation to show a net gain in 1976, a gain of one communicant and one non-communicant. Marion has continued to receive a number of new and active members which almost offsets the number of those removed from the roll because of continued indifference.

Two congregations received aid from the Board of Home Missions in 1976, Marion (which received \$2,580) and Washington (which received \$2,400). These amounts have been cut back in 1977 to \$2,000 and \$1,600 respectively, with 1978 being presently scheduled as the last year for supplemental aid to Washington. This aid to the Washington church has served to offset, approximately, the cost of the weekly radio broadcast of its morning worship service. A sudden increase in the cost of this broadcast, however, raises some questions as to its continuation.

There has been the tentative beginning of a branch work of the Washington congregation in Muscatine, a city of about 30,000 population located 40 miles east of Washington.

The Presbytery Family Conference, held each summer at Lake Darling, serves an important social and spiritual function in the Presbytery, and has been well attended. This year the main speaker is to be Rev. Jerrold Milroy.

The Sharon and Washington congregations have for the past few years divided the services of a summer ministerial assistant between them. Last year it was Mr. Charles Leach. This year it is Mr. Robert Miller. The Marion congregation plans to have Mr. Paul Fields working with them this summer.

Presbytery's roll, other than its four installed pastors, contains only three names from the former Winnipeg Mission. There are no licentiates. There is one student of theology under care.

All our members are accounted for and our travel fund paid. Lauren Wolcott is Travel Agent for this meeting of Synod. Our delegate to the Board of Corporators is Ray Blair.

Respectfully submitted, G. Duncan Lowe, Clerk

REPORT OF MIDWEST PRESBYTERY TO THE 1977 SYNOD

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

At our annual meeting on October 6, 7, 1976 in Winchester, Kansas, our officers for the following year were elected. They are as follows: J. Renwick Wright, Moderator; J. Bruce Martin, Clerk; Bruce Hemphill, Assistant Clerk, **Covenanter Witness** Reporter, Travel Agent and Western Conference Secretary; Robert E. Catloth, Treasurer; T. M. Hutcheson, Moderator of Ad Interim Commission; Bruce R. Backensto, Eastern Conference Secretary. Since our meeting at the 1976 Synod, we have had one regular meeting and two special meetings for the ordination of men to the pastorate.

There are sixteen congregations in the Presbytery. Twelve of these have settled pastors, Hays has the services of a stated supply in Bruce Hemphill and the Shawnee Congregation is looking forward to the arrival of Jerrold S. Milroy and his installation on July 13, 1977. Presbytery is greatly concerned for the welfare of the Hot Springs and Park City Congregations for not only are they without regular pastoral leadership, but they also have no elected resident elders. Many pastoral changes have occurred in the Presbytery since Synod last met. John H. Tweed was released from his duties in the Shawnee Congregation on October 27, 1976 to take up the pastorate of the Geneva Congregation. On September 17, 1976, David R. Patterson was re-installed as the pastor of the Clarinda Congregation. J. Bruce Martin was released from his pastoral duties in the Superior-Beulah Congregation and was installed as Pastor of the Hebron Congregation on October 4, 1976. The Presbytery met the following day to ordain Ronald H. Stegall and install him as Pastor of the Lawrence Fellowship. J. Edward Hindman was certified as a licentiate to the Midwest Presbytery by the Pittsburgh Presbytery and was ordained and installed as Pastor of the Denison Congregation on May 12, 1977. T. M. Hutcheson came out of a short "retirement" after his work in Cyprus and was installed as Pastor of the Superior-Beulah Congregation on May 20, 1977. Two centers of outreach are continuing in the Presbytery. The Quinter Session has started work in Wa Keeney, KS and the Minneola Session, in Dodge City, KS. The Westminster Session is seeking to start an outreach work in Colorado Springs. If there is a couple who is able to go to Colorado Springs to help with this work, please contact the Westminster Session.

Two of the ministerial members of Presbytery, Gene W. Spear and James C. Pennington, are serving in our mission field in Japan. Of the remaining ten of the 25 ministers on our roll, three are serving in various aspects of social work, one is a postal employee, one is doing electrical work and five are retired. Stan Copeland was licensed to preach the Gospel on October 7, 1976. He was graduated from the R. P. Seminary in May, is working under the direction of the Quinter Session for two of the summer months and plans to work under the direction of the Coldenham-Newburgh Session beginning in the fall. During the past year, Lic. Phil Beard and Ron Graham had their respective memberships transferred to congregations in the Pittsburgh Presbytery, thus they are no longer under the care of Midwest Presbytery. Jeff Frye, though still under the care of Presbytery, has not been re-certified to the seminary. Besides Mr. Frye, Lic. Larry Falk and Lic. Stan Copeland are under the care of Midwest Presbytery. Stan Copeland and Robert More, Jr. are commended to the congregations of the Synod for the Gospel call.

There were no summer conferences held by the Presbytery in 1976 due to the conference held at Carleton College. However, the Quinter Congregation held a conferette for their own and surrounding congregations and plans to do the same this year. On February 25, 26, 1977, the Christian Education and Evangelism Committee sponsored a retreat which was attended by 66 men of the Presbytery. It was held at Sterling College on the theme "Christian Discipleship" with Dr. Roy Blackwood and Dr. J. Renwick Wright as the speakers. In April 1977, a two-day retreat was held for the young people of the Presbytery at the Topeka R. P. Church building. Plans are under way for a conference at the Forest Park campgrounds, August 1-8, 1977 focusing on the doctrine of the Church with J. Renwick Wright as the main speaker. Plans are also being made for a conference at the Covenant Heights conference grounds August 6-13, 1977 with Paul M. Martin as guest speaker focusing on the theme "The Kingdom of God".

The Sterling Congregation has undertaken the work of building a new church building. Services were first held in the new building in May, 1977 and a dedication is planned for July 8, 1977.

The program of visitation is continuing whereby each congregation is visited by a team from the Presbytery every four years. There are still nine members on the "lay" communicant roll of Presbytery. We have no present address for four of these members. Our statistical report has been completed and forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk and our travelling fund has been paid.

Respectfully submitted, J. Bruce Martin, Clerk

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK PRESBYTERY TO SYNOD

The New York Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod, we have held one regular meeting in addition to the meeting during this Synod.

We have five regularly organized congregations plus three mission stations under our care. All the congregations have regular pastoral care, and of the mission stations one has a stated supply, one has until the end of last month had a stated supply, and the other has semi-regular preaching.

During this last year, the Coldenham and Newburgh Congregations merged to form the Coldenham-Newburgh Congregation and subsequently has called and the presbytery has installed Robert McMillan to be their pastor.

Significant actions of the presbytery at the annual meeting this last spring included: Argos Zodhiates was reinstated as a ministerial mem-

ber of the RPCNA and his name placed on the roll of Presbytery for the following reasons:

1. His request to be a member,

2. The action of Synod in 1975 (**Minutes** 1975, p. 94, of **Minutes** 1959, p. 122).

3. The irregular action of Synod in ordering his name removed from roll (**Ch. Gov.** 10:12; 8:9, 13; **Minutes** 1959, p. 122).

We also licensed David Coon to preach the gospel, and advanced Samuel Sterrett to his second year at the R. P. Seminary.

Recently the Easton Area Fellowship purchased a building from which to minister and expects to be using it by the end of this month.

In response to the Biblical mandate to reach out, church extension commissions have been established in each of the three geographical areas of the presbytery—north, central, and south.

The Easton work continues with some encouraging factors, but sometimes at a seemingly frustratingly slow pace. The Broomall congregation has expanded somewhat their ministry in the Phoenixville area and are exploring possibilities in other areas close to where some of their people live and work.

In addition to other uses of the White Lake Campgrounds for VBS retreats, etc. the White Lake Family Conference will be August 19—26.

All our members are accounted for, our travel fund is paid in full and our travel fund agent for this meeting of synod is David Coon and T. A. Price is our representative on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

Respectfully submitted, Ralph E. Joseph, Clerk

REPORT OF THE OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Ohio-Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report that we continue to have twelve organized congregations within the presbytery. All of them have settled pastorates except Chicago and Hetherton.

On November 21, 1976 members of presbytery's Church Extension Commission and their wives welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Godfrey Franklin to the United States. Within a short time the Ad Interim Commission had received Rev. Franklin by transfer of certificate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia. On Jan. 23, 1977, the Selma Congregation made a call for Mr. Franklin to be their pastor and he was installed on May 6, 1977.

After being suspended for a period of one year, David Armstrong was removed from the roll of Presbytery. The other elders and those

members of the Chicago R. P. Congregation who had withdrawn were also removed from the roll of the Chicago Congregation.

Jerrold S. Milroy has resigned from the pastorate of the Bloomington Congregation, effective June 30, to take up the pastorate of the Shawnee Congregation. David L. Burke has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Hetherton Congregation effective June 6, 1977. His membership is being transferred to the Midwest Presbytery where he will be residing.

There are a total of 18 ministers on our roll. Ten are in settled pastorates, one is in process of being transferred, five (three of whom are serving by appointment of Presbytery on local sessions) are engaged in other work and two are retired. In accord with the action of the synod of 1968, the ordination status of those men not in the pastorate has been reviewed and continued. We wish to note that these men are available for preaching and for service on Committees and Boards of Synod. Their names are: Samuel Boyld, Philip Coon, Donald Felker, Milton Harrington, Paul Mathews, Eurie H. Smith, and Ray Wilcox.

There are four men under the care of Presbytery. Mr. John Delivuk is working as a librarian at Covenant Seminary. His licenture was renewed for another 5 years at the spring meeting of presbytery. Mr. Robert Henninger has just recently returned from two years of work with the Irish Mission Board. Mr. David Peachy has just graduated from the R. P. Seminary and plans to work this next year under the supervision of the West Lafayette Session. These three men are all licensed and available for preaching. Mr. William Roberts presented his "specimen of improvement" to the spring meeting of presbytery and was commended to the Seminary for his second year.

We continue to be encouraged as we see signs of God's hand of blessing in the Presbytery. Rev. Eurie H. Smith is continuing an outreach Bible study in Louisville, Ky. We are thankful that the Lord has provided a 'tent-making' job for Mr. Smith and interest on the part of others to help support the work there. A part of the Indianapolis Congregation has been involved for a little more than a year in a new work on the southside of Indianapolis. This work has progressed to the point that we anticipate the formation of a new congregation in the next year or so. In just the past couple of months a renewed interest has developed in the Columbus, Indiana work. The Church Extension Commission has not been directly involved with this work for most of this past year. Recent reports, however, have given much encouragement to the continued interest on the part of those souls in Columbus.

A number of young people from the Presbytery will be going to Scotland and Ireland in an Overseas Summer Training Program under the direction of Roy Blackwood for about 5 weeks this summer. We expect to see them in ministry to the Scotish and Irish churches as well as training for their own spiritual lives.

Since the last meeting of Synod, we have had one regular meeting, one special meeting for the installation of Godfrey Franklin, and the Synod meeting of Presbytery. Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod. All our members are accounted for and our travel fund is paid in full. The officers of the presbytery are: Robert Henning, Moderator; M. A. McFarland, Clerk; Robert Morrow, Assistant Clerk; and Donald H. Mullinnix, Treasurer. The Board of Corporators of Geneva College representative is Robert Templeton, Ray Joseph is our representative to the Home Mission Board, and Robert Templeton is our elder delegate to the Committee on Pastors Salaries.

Respectfully submitted, Jerrold S. Milroy

REPORT OF PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Pacific Coast Presbytery would report that there are six congregations under the care of this Presbytery: Phoenix, Arizona; Seattle, Washington; Fresno, Los Angeles, Santa Ana and San Diego, California. In addition, there is an extension work in Anchorage, Alaska under the direction of the Seattle session. On alternate Sabbath evenings, services are held in the area of San Juan Capistrano under the oversight of the Santa Ana session.

There are eight ministers on the roll of the Presbytery: five of these are in active pastorates, namely, Paul M. Martin, Donald Weilersbacher, Glenn E. McFarland, Donald Piper and James D. Carson. Jerry Hayenga is engaged in special education and preaches on occasion for the Fresno congregation; Charles Chao is with the Reformation Translation Fellowship in Taipei and at the 1977 Commencement exercises of Geneva College was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Dr. Alvin W. Smith is retired.

On February 18, 1977, Donald Piper was ordained and installed pastor of the Seattle, Washington congregation. The Fresno congregation made out two calls; both were declined.

No summer conference was held in 1976. The 1977 summer conference is to be held at Camp Good News, Prescott, Arizona; the 1978 summer conference is planned for Warm Beach, near Seattle, Washington.

The Presbytery is carrying on a regular program of congregational visitation, and is seeking to carry out its responsibilities of oversight.

In addition to the officers listed in the roster, Surrendra Gangadean is our representative on the Geneva College Board of Corporators; Glenn E. McFarland is our representative on the Board of Home Missions and our deacon delegate to this Synod is Dennis Olson of the Seattle congregation.

All reports have been completed and forwarded to the proper officers of Synod. Our travel fund is paid in full. Paul M. Martin is our travel agent for this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, James D. Carson, Clerk

REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report that we have 14 congregations under our care in addition to the Mars Mission Station. Eleven of these have settled pastors, one has a call pending, and the other two are supplied with preaching as they supply their own pulpit.

We have 21 ministerial members on our roll in addition to the Pastors. Six of these are retired, six are associated with Geneva College, four are Professors in the Seminary, one is administrative secretary of the National Reform Association, one is Director of Christian Ecucation, one is Director of Publication, one is Superintendent of the Reformed Presbyterian Home, and one is a missionary to Japan.

John H. Tweed was received from the Mid-west Presbytery and installed as the Pastor of the Geneva Congregation on November 12, 1976. Lic. Edward Hindman was transferred to the Mid-west Presbytery to be ordained and installed pastor of the Dennison Congregation. Lic. Paul E. Copeland was received from the care of the St. Lawrence Presbytery. He is in Scotland for further study and service in the Wishaw Congregation. We have presently 6 students under care and attending the Seminary, Byron Curtis, Ronald Graham, Robert L. Hemphill, Daniel Kepple and Robert Miller. Phil Beard is licensed and employed as Editorial Assistant for the **Covenanter Witness**. Ronald Marcinko is under care but has not yet completed his college studies at Clarion State College. Samuel Boyle and Ray Wilcox have been certified to the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery since our last report to the Synod. Douglas Boydston was taken under care at our meeting at Synod.

Since our last report to the Synod we have had 3 regular meetings and 2 special meetings here at Synod time. The meeting of October 23, 1976 was held in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, Covenant Fellowship Congregation and the meeting of May 14, 1977 was held

in the Rose Point Church. The meeting of February 12, 1977 was held in the Four Mile Church. The Ad Interim Commission met for the Installation of John Tweed at Geneva Congregation, November 12, 1976.

There was no presbytery conference last summer because of the national conference at Carleton. This summer a conference is planned for Camp Lambec, on Lake Erie, August 20—27. The theme is to be 'The Family'. There was a Camp-O-Day at Camp Lutherlyn with some 65 in attendance.

We have continued our program of Congregational Visitation with the congregations of Rose Point and College Hill being visited. The Reformed Bible Conference was held March 25 & 26 in the Geneva Church. The speaker was Dr. Morton H. Smith, Clerk of the Synod, PCA.

Because of a renewed interest close to the Mars Mission Station, we plan to increase our activities there. Charles Leech, a graduate of our Seminary will be working in the Mars area this fall while teaching part time in the Seminary. New Alexandria Congregation is involved in two local outreach programs, and several members of the Presbytery have visited the University Park campus of Pennsylvania State University with the thought of having some outreach program there.

The officers of the Presbytery are: Moderator, Gordon J. Keddie; Clerk, Ronald V. Good; Assistant Clerk, Dean R. Smith; Treasurer, Louis D. Hutmire; Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission, Kenneth G. Smith; and John H. White is secretary of Pulpit supplies. Norman M. Carson is the Young Peoples Secretary and Daniel Kepple is the assistant. Clark Copeland is our representative on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College and A. Wayne Duffield is our representative on the Home Mission Board. Thomas Price, Jr. is our Travel Fund agent. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk, all members are accounted for, and our Travel Fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted, Ronald V. Good, Clerk

REPORT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE TO SYNOD June 1977

The St. Lawrence Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod we have held meetings on August 13, 1976, September 23, 1976, October 12, 13, 1976, March 1, 2, 1976 and June 6, 1977.

Almonte, Lisbon, Syracuse and Walton all have settled Pastors. Lochiel is without a pastor. Robert Rice was ordained on September

23, 1976 as a mission pastor in Rochester, N. Y. Kenneth McBurney was received August 13, 1976 by certificate from Midwest Presbytery, and was installed as Pastor at Almonte October 12, 1976. F. F. Reade, who is retired, is living in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Students under the care of Presbytery include the following: George Hueber, who has graduated from Seminary and is licensed; Charles Leach, who has graduated from Seminary and was licensed June 6, 1977; Richard Ganz, Paul Fields, and Walter Swartz, who are in Seminary; and Carter Rowe and Martin Wilsey who expect to enter Seminary in the fall. Paul Copeland was transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery. Much profitable time has been spent in our Presbytery meetings hearing and reviewing assignments by these students.

Presbytery visitation teams were sent to Lisbon and Lochiel this year. A small group continues to meet faithfully at Lochiel, but they see little hope of continuance without Pastoral leadership. Lisbon has a strong nucleus of faithful workers, and has a wide influence in their area. Almonte shows a positive spirit with their new pastor, and they are planning major renovation work in their church sanctuary. Syracuse is continuing with their Radio ministry as well as a strong outreach vision and student work. Walton enjoyed a New Life conference last fall, and has used "spot announcements" on the local radio station to share the Word with the community. The Rochester mission has been stabilized with Rice's purchase of a home, and will be assisted this summer by the labors of Walter Swartz and his wife.

Summer Family Camps were held at White Lake and at the St. Law-rence Family Conference near Lisbon. Interest has continued high at both these camps.

The new Officers of our Presbytery are Paul Faris, Mocerator; Robert Rice, Clerk; Jack Ramsey, Treasurer; Robert McCracken is Chairman of the Ad Interim Commission. Paul Faris is our representative on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the stated Clerk. The Travel Fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted, Robert B. McCracken, Clerk

REPORT OF THE JAPAN COMMISSION TO THE 1977 SYNOD

Since the Commission's report to the 1976 Synod, there have been a number of changes in the personnel of the Commission. In July, 1976, Mr. Takiura left for the U. S. for a year of study at The Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. At the end of the summer, Mr. Masunaga returned from a year of study in the U. S. to

resume his work as pastor of the Higashi Suma congregation. Mr. Spear, also, returned from a year of furlough to resume work as pastor of the Keiyaku congregation. In December, 1976, Mr. Miwa went to the U. S. for study at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh. At present, the Commission consists of 4 ministers: Masunaga, Pennington, Spear, and Sterrett, and 3 elders: Kojima, Nitta and Shinoda.

In the Fall of 1976, the Commission began the investigation of an area for new work in Kita Suzurandai in the north part of Kobe. The Kojima family of Kasumigaoka congregation and the Matsuzono family of Higashi Suma are living in the area and have opened their homes for the new work. (Mr. Kojima is the son of elder Kojima.) Mr. Miwa and Mr. Sterrett were asked to begin the initial work and meetings were held in the homes of the Kojimas and Matsuzonos beginning in October, 1976. Invitations and tracts were distributed to over 3000 homes in the area. Initial response has been light with two unbelievers and several Christians from other denominations attending from time to time. In December, 1976, with Mr. Miwa leaving for the U. S., Mr. Sterrett was left to provide the main leadership for the new work. A committee consisting of elders Kojima and Nitta was appointed to assist Mr. Sterrett in planning, etc. A new plan involves the beginning of an English conversation class and Bible Study in a rented classroom beginning on May 14, 1977. Many members of the three congregations have enthusiastically given their support in making and distributing invitations and posters in the area. Please pray that the Lord will continue to make His will clear to the Commission as we progress in this work.

The Lord continues to bless the three organized congregations in Kobe. Since the beginning of 1977, new members have been added to each of the three congregations.

In March, 1977, the Commission purchased a used 16mm movie projector and a screen. This has been used thus far for film evangelism.

Under the leadership of Mr. Pennington, progress has been made on a tape recording of the Psalms which is to be for the use of members in learning to sing the Psalms. Scheduling problems have prevented the completion of this project thus far, but it is hoped that it will be completed soon.

On March 27, 1977, Keiyaku congregation made out a call upon Mr. Takiura to be their pastor. Mr. Takiura has accepted the call and plans to take up the work as pastor this summer after he returns from the U. S.

The Commission is planning to employ a student of the Reformed Seminary in Kobe to assist in the three congregations during the summer.

The minutes of the sessions were examined and found to be in order.

Respectfully submitted, William J. Sterrett, Clerk of Commission

Synod referred the motion to the New York Presbytery that we ask the New York Presbytery to state in their report that Argos Zodhiates was "reinstated" rather than "received" and that the matter of this statement in their minutes be brought into conformity with this report.

The following statement of concern regarding the statement of concern brought by members of the court regarding the effect of the Overture on Session-Controlled Communion was required.

CONCERNING THE STATEMENT OF CONCERN OF THE BRETHREN OVER SESSION CONTROLLED COMMUNION

The concern over the exercise of **Session Controlled Communion** is accepted as it was intended by the brethren of different persuasions on the issue of **Close Communion**. However, as one member of the Synod of 1977, I must respond to their concern. I insist that **Close Communion** has not been defended in writing by the brethren, who signed their concern, on the basis of the Scriptures. They have been unable to persuade the teaching elders of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of **Close Communion**; nor have they been able to persuade two-thirds of the Sessions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. If these brethren have any basis for **Close Communion**, I would like to have such information in writing in order to study their position, and to honor my basic commitment to the Scriptures.

I further assert and believe that the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures teaches us to administer the sacraments in accordance with what we now call **Session Controlled Communion**.

I further intend to guard the preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the sacraments in the congregation I serve, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as He speaks in the Scriptures.

Edward A. Robson Robert Ulrich Thomas A. Price, Jr.

The Report of the Committee on Arrangements and Devotions was taken up. Items 1 and 2 were adopted, the report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS AND DEVO-TIONS

Your Committee on Arrangements and Devotions for Synod would respectfully report that the Devotional Services at the start of the six morning sessions of Synod center around "The Call of God" to different men of the Bible to venture forth and carry out various responsibilities of the Kingdom of God.

The Sabbath Evening Guest Speaker will be Dr. Henry Krabbendam, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee.

Arrangements have been made with Geneva College through Mr. Paul Bischoff for the matters of housing, meals, places of meeting and other concerns for the convenience and comfort of the Synod.

Information and reservation forms for the Meeting of Synod and the Pre-Synodic Conference have been prepared and mailed to all the congregations and to all ministers on the roll of Synod.

Items of expense of speakers, secretarial work and duplicating, transportation from and to the airport, and of other committee assignments cannot be reported at this time.

Recommendations:

1. That expenses for speakers, entertainment of fraternal delegates, costs of secretarial work and duplicating, and of transportation from and to the airport, and expenses of this committee be paid from Synod's offering and from the Miscellaneous Fund.

2. That Synod's Assistant Clerk express by letter to Dr. Edwin C. Clarke, President of Geneva College, our appreciation and thanks for the use of the splendid facilities of the College, and our thanks to all the college personnel for their fine cooperation.

The Committee: Thomas Armagost Wilbur Keys Thomas Price J. Paul Wilson Kermit S. Edgar, Chairman

The court took recess in prayer by Bruce Martin. FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Dennis Olson. The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The report of the New York Presbytery was taken up, received and inserted with the other presbytery reports.

The Report of the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study was taken up. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 3a was adopted. Item 3b was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 4 was referred to the committee on Time and Place. Items 5, 6, and 7 were adopted. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH CORRESPON-DANCE AND STUDY TO THE SYNOD OF 1977

Your Committee held one extended meeting on January 5, 1977 of the five members in the Pittsburgh area and has conducted other business by correspondance.

Your Committee was instructed by the 1976 Synod to clarify the meaning of the term, "fraternal relations". During the year a sub-committee of NAPARC has been assigned the task of studying the concept of churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship with a view to recommending a church relationship to each other. The NAPaRC sub-committee is proposing that NAPaRC recommend the following to tis constituent churches:

1. That we acknowledge the Scriptural mandate (Eph. 4) to enter into Ecclesiastical Fellowship where it is consistent with Scriptural unity and truth as a visable demonstration of the unity of the church both to the church and to the world.

2. That we define Ecclesiastical Fellowship as follows: Ecclesiastical Fellowship is a relationship in which the churches involved are Reformed in their confessional standards, church order and church life though there may be such differences between them that union is not possible at this time, and there might be considerable need for mutual concern and admonition.

3. That where churches enter into Ecclesiastical Fellowship with other Reformed churches, that relationships be implemented where possible and desirable by:

a. Exchange of fraternal delegates at major assemblies (includes privileges of the floor)

b. Occasional pulpit fellowship (local option)

c. Joint action in areas of common responsibility

d. Communication on issues of joint concern

e. The exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting the fundamentals of Christian unity (including respect for the discipline of churches with whom we are in Ecclesiacal Fellowship)

4. That we mutually recognize that the decision to enter into or withdraw from Ecclesiastical Fellowship with another Reformed Church shall be decided by each denomination on an individual basis.

The above recommendations will be coming before NAPaRC in October; suggestions by members of Synod to our committee will help us in expressing the mind of our church to NAPaRC.

Fraternal delegates have been appointed to the Synods of The Reformed Presbyterian Churches of Ireland and Scotland, the Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to the General Assemblies of the Orthodox Presbyteian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America, and to the Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States. Fraternal delegates have been appointed from each of the above denominations to attend our meeting of Synod. Observers are to be exchanged between our Synod and the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

In order that lines of communication may be kept open between our churches we want to inform you of the following action which was taken by the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery of the RPCNA on December 18, 1976 with regard to the pastor and three of the elders of the Chicago congregation:

"In view of the failure of David Armstrong, Ronald Bogner, Richard Bowes and Elwood Woods to repent of the sin of which they were convicted, we would see their commission as elders to be permanently removed insofar as this church is concerned, and direct that their names be removed from the roll of the church."

The above action was taken because of the failure of these men to receive the counsel of the Presbytery or to recognize the authority of the Presbytery. In the event that these men may come to you it is our fervent prayer that you may be able to give constructive counsel regarding their problem with independancy.

The matter of formal discussions with the Committee on Ecumenicity of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church which was referred to your Committee by the Synod of 1976 was considered. It is our judgement that the spirit of the special resolution is being carried out through our mutual involvement in NAPaRC, and that we should not proceed with formal conversations with the OPC at this time.

Your Committee was instructed by the Synod of 1976 to study the issue of the recognition of the infallibility of Scripture in the Christian Reformed Church to recommend to the 1977 Synod whether or not fraternal relations and cooperation with that body in NAPaRC should

be continued. Your Committee is not aware of any official statement of the Christian Reformed Church which departs from the position of the infallibility of Scripture. We note that the question of infallibility of Scripture was dealt with by NAPaRC, and its action approved by the RPCES whose membership in NAPaRC was conditioned upon satisfaction as to the CRC position on Scripture.

Through NAPaRC several joint committee meetings and consultations have been planned as follows: Diaconal Ministries, Oct. 21, 22, 1976; Foreign Missions, Nov. 22, 23, 1976; Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship, Feb. 15, 1977; Home Missions, March 15, 16, 1977; Conference on Race, March 24, 25, 1977; Conference on Office in the Church, Oct. 1977. Reports of these meetings will be made through the church agencies involved.

Lester Kilpatrick, John Edgar and Jerrold Milroy attended the Conference on Race. They recommended to our Committee that we present the following part of the Conference Statement on Race to our Synod:

A. We encourage congregations to reach out to the entire community around them.

B. We encourage congregations to rise to meet the challenge of racial diversity in changing neighborhoods.

C. We encourage members of our congregations to remain in those communities where there are racially changing patterns.

D. We urge churches in NAPARC to give priority to a vigorous pursuit of evangelism and church planning in racially, economically, and ethnically diverse communities.

Recommendations:

1. That members of Synod study the proposed concept of Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship and make suggestions for revisions to our committee to guide us in our consideration of this proposed concept of Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship at the meeting of NAPARC in October, and that the Synod take action concerning the adoption of our definition of "fraternal relations" in 1978.

2. That we encourage the members of Synod to support the NPRF and the 1979 Reformed Congress, and that \$400 from the Miscellaneous Fund be given to help to underwrite the Reformed Congress.

3. (a) That the Committee study our relationship to R.E.S. and report to the 1978 Synod.

(b) That we pay our assessment of \$800 to R. E. S. this year.

 That the Committee on Time and Place set the dates of June 16— 23 for the meeting of our Synod at Grand Rapids, Michigan next year. 5. That our congregations study the Resolutions of the NAPARC Conference on Race.

6. That in implementing our fraternal relations with the Reformed Church in the U.S. we send ten copies of **The Book of Psalms for Singing** to the Heil, North Dakota Congregation.

7. That we respond to the invitation of the Christian Reformed

Church to become a Church in Ecclesiastical Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted, Lester E. Kilpatrick John M. McMillan Dean R. Smith Donald Weilersbacher John H. White

S. Bruce Willson James M. Wright Robert M. Copeland Bruce C. Stewart, Chm.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was taken up. Items 3-3 were adopted. Item 4 was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 5 was referred to the Nominating Committee. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

The Board respectfully reports that 2 meetings were held since the last meeting of Synod, with the prospect of an additional meeting at this Synod. The officers are: President, Robert McCracken; Vice President, Ed Robson; and Secretary, A. Wayne Duffield. (Louis D. Hutmire, as denominational Treasurer, is a member and Treasurer of the Board, ex offico.)

The Board finished 1976 with a balance of \$31,421, which is being applied to the 1977 budget, and it will be reflected in our request for 1978. This balance represents an increase of approximately \$10,000 over what was originally anticipated. This was largely due to bequests of \$13,234 and a \$2,249 refund from the lowa Presbytery in connection with the work at lowa City. A total of \$52,170 was disbursed in 1976 with \$40,708 of this amount going to supplement the work of the presbyteries. In 1976 the Board, through the presbyteries, supported 4 new works (Easton Area, Hays, Westminster, Rochester), 6 aid receiving congregations which are Marion, Washington, Lawrence, Park City, Four Mile, and Rimersburg, 1 mission work, Montclair, and the Southern Mission. Rev. Robert Rice was ordained to the new work at Rochester, New York, on September 23, 1976. No additional requests have been received to date for new work since the last meeting of Synod.

The Board has continued to support the work of the Southern Mission through the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, and plans to continue to do so. In 1976 \$13,569 was expended for the work of the Southern Mission. \$3,583 was disbursed from the Home Mission Board's Current Account in 1976 and \$9,478 is budgeted and is being disbursed in monthly payments in 1977. Salaries for the teachers in the Southern Mission were increased as recommended by the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery and further study in this area is being done by the Presbytery. The Board appreciates the hard work of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery with respect to the Southern Mission and is encouraged with the progress that is being seen.

The Placement and Training Committee has again set up a Summer Intern Program for this year. It is designed to be a Tandem Ministry under the supervision of the Professor of Practical Theology of the R. P. Seminary, the established pastor or pastors, and the Sessions involved. The tentative schedule calls for Robb Miller to go to Sharon-Washington, Bob Hemphill to Greeley, Paul Fields to Marion, Stan Copeland to Quinter-Hays, Byron Curtis to Winchester, David Coon to the New York Presbytery, Kit Swartz to the Rochester Fellowship, William Roberts to Indianapolis, and Samuel Sterrett to New Alexandria.

After much study, discussion, and prayer the Board decided not to elect an Executive Secretary. The Board is now in process of reconsidering how the work of the Board can be accomplished without such a position. This action has been announced to the presbyteries and their counsel has been requested.

Lou Hutmire represented the Board at a meeting of the representatives of the Diaconal Committees of the NAPARC churches in the Pittsburgh area on October 21—22, 1976. NAPARC has suggested that 2 members and/or executives of the various committees on Home Missions and Church Extension of the member denominations, along with other agencies, meet regularly for mutual sharing of plans and consultation. At the writing of this report it is expected that the Board will be represented at this meeting on May 12, 1977.

The board notes with much appreciation and thanks to God for the many years of service of John O. Edgar and Kermit S. Edgar.

Recommendations:

1. That the Board be authorized to make any necessary adjustments

and grants as conditions may warrant.

2. The presbyteries carefully analyze and evaluate their own situation; especially their church extension program, that they pray and budget accordingly, and that they provide the Board with the necessary information as requested in the forms provided by the

Board in order that wise decisions may be made in the use of the

Lord's money.

3. That the supplements for the Church Extension Program of the various presbyteries (for 1978) be considered and approved at this meeting of Synod.

4. That the Home Mission Board be granted \$41,910 from Synod's

budget

5. That at this meeting of Synod the representatives from the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, the Pittsburgh Presbytery, and 3 Synod appointees, 1 of whom is to be a woman, be elected. (Those whose terms expire at this meeting are: Mrs. Norman Carson, A. Wayne Duffield, John O. Edgar, Kermit S. Edgar, Paul M. Martin, and Robert McFarland.)

> Respectfully submitted, A. Wayne Duffield Secretary

The Report of the Temperance Committee was taken up. The recommendation that the chairman of the Temperance Committee write to those who protested the sending out of the booklet "The Alcoholic American" explaining the profit it has been to other Reformed Presbyterians was adopted. The report was received and is as follows:

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Following our Lord's concern for the welfare of the little ones (Matt. 19:14; Matt. 18:6), your Temperance Committee has continued its efforts this past year to present to each congregation, material that reaffirms the dangers of alcoholic beverages and habit-forming narcotics.

With the present increase in smoking as fashionable among the younger set, a special listing of information gleaned from medical sources was presented, all pointing to the harmful effects of tobacco in any form.

Two articles by Stan Copeland, student in our Seminary, dealing with alcoholic beverages, came to you through your committee. The first was a chronological review of the Covenanter development of the total abstinence ideal,—an article first presented to Midwest Presbytery, heartily endorsed by the committee reviewing it for the Presbytery, then a copy sent to each congregation for its library. His second article, scheduled for appearance soon in the **Witness**, presents the Biblical background for total abstinence.

All material sent out by your committee was first reviewed, edited and approved by a board of advisors; then mimeographed and mailed out under the auspices of a volunteer group, calling themselves the Ladies' Auxilary of Synod's Temperance Committee, based in Sterling, Kansas. Public recognition and thanks is hereby given to these ladies for the hours upon hours of dedicated effort which they have spent in addressing and mailing our material to each congregation's pastor, clerk, W.M. S. president, ministers without pastorates, and the mission field. The necessary finances for this operation were given gladly by private sources whose professional contact with the end results of tobacco and alcohol and other drugs had led to a strong and full appreciation of Christ's concern for the physical and spiritual welfare of Covenant children (Matt. 18:6; Matt. 19:14) and a renewed conviction of the over-all Biblical concern for the welfare of us all (I Cor. 3:16 & 17; I Cor. 6:19 & 20; II Cor. 5:10).

All such outlay of time and treasure is of little value, however, if the proper authorities on the congregational level do not feel and exercise a similar concern and responsibility for instructing the children and others in their local corner of the household of the Bride of Christ.

Knowing that the material sent out by your committee comes far short of exhausting the many sources of valuable instruction, the following sources are enumerated,—others also exist:

Signal Press, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201 Narcotics Education, Inc., P.O. Box 4390, Washington, D.C. 20012 Prohibition National Committee, P.O. Box 2635, Denver, Colo. 80201 TANE Press, 6778 Greenville Av., Dallas, Tex. 75231 National Reform Ass'n. 45 S. Bryant Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15202

Trusting that our Church—our corner of the household of the Bride of Christ—will continue to feel its responsibility to Christ and His Bride and their children for continuing instruction in the proper care of our "temples of the Holy Spirit" (I Cor. 6:19), your Temperance Committee will continue to look to the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—for continuing guidance and direction and information through common grace.

Resepctfully submitted, R. Paul Wright, Chairman Synod's Temperance Committee

The Report of the Elders Conference was distributed, adopted and is as follows:

FLDERS CONFERENCE

The Elders Conference was called to order by Rev. Robert McCracken with prayer. Twenty-nine members were present. Paul Wright was elected to preside. Mr. Bill Edgar volunteered his services as secretary. The first action in the conference was to move the following motion, which was passed, 17:8, after lively discussion, namely:

"In view of Synod's affirmation that Scripture teaches that there is one office of elder, moved that we disband this elders conference because there is no justification for such a meeting."

The conference adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

R. Paul Wright Chairman

The Report of the National Reform Association was taken up, received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

We are thankful for this opportunity to report to the Reformed Presbyterian Synod concerning the work of our Association. We are glad to be able to report that we finished the year 1976 with a balance.

Since 1976 was our Bicentennial year as a Nation we printed a special issue of the **Christian Statesman**. In this number we attempted to show the part faith in God and righteousness had in the development of our Nation, we also emphasized the need for God's blessing if we are to remain a strong and prosperous Nation.

Our organization seeks to cooperate with other organizations who work for similar causes. Last year I attended the meeting of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council in Washington, D.C., The meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance in Philadelphia, and the meeting of the National Temperance Society in New York City. Our good friend, William Metcalf, arranged our contact with the National Temperance Society, last year they contributed \$950.00 to our work and have contributed \$1,000.00 in 1977. If anyone else knows of organizations or individuals who are interested in supporting the cause of reform I hope they will arrange for us to contact them.

Our Annual Dinner and Business Meeting was held on Nov. 8, 1976. Judge Patrick R. Tamillia was the speaker on this occasion. We have two regular board meetings during the year. We have twenty seven members on our Board, ten of these members are Reformed Presbyterians. Other denominations represented on our Board are United Presbyterians, Presbyterian Church of America, Assembly of God, Orthodox Presbyterian and Christian Missionary Alliance.

I am sure, with conditions such as they are in the United States, that I do not need to try to impress anyone with the need for National Reform. Crime is almost out of control in many parts of our Nation. When Judge Tamillia addressed our Annual Dinner it was brought out that judges are allowing criminals to go free, because there is not room in jails for them. There is no money available for building more

jails and people do not want to vote more taxes. He also pointed out that the deterioration of our homes is a major reason why crimes are on the increase. The use of the drug alcohol is at an all time high. Some youths in our high school already have a drug problem, and even some children in grade school. There is corruption in government, and often times schools have such a serious discipline problem that they can do little teaching.

There was a time when you could count on the protestant church being behind the cause of righteousness, this can no longer be taken for granted. Many who are members of the Christian church have little respect for the Christian Sabbath. It is no longer "thus saith the Lord" but a new spirit of permissiveness and a new morality. Many go along with a kind of separation of Church and State that would relieve the civil government of any need of being a minister of God for good.

There are also those in the Church, who because they think of the Kingdom of God as being in the future, see no value in seeking to make the world better. They seek only to bring men to Christ, now no one faults men for seeking the conversion of mankind; if we were all new creatures in Christ, living by the power of the Spirit and walking in newness of life, we would have no problems. There will never be a time in this world when everyone is a born again Christian. We are all born after the flesh and must be reborn to enter the Kingdom of God. The hope of the world rests upon those who have been born again, who have been transformed by the renewing of their minds. They are the only ones who know how good and acceptable and perfect the will of God is, their eyes have been opened and they love the law of God, and seek that God's Kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

The natural man is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be, it is those who are born again that are careful to maintain good works. Titus 3:8. They are the ones who seek to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, who deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly righteously and Godly in this present world . . . zealous of good works. Titus 2:12—14. The Christian people of the world are to be the "Salt of the earth" they are to let their light shine in the world, that all may be able to see how good our world could be if all men were workers together with God for His purposes.

Jesus Christ promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against His church. The church would be able to defeat the evil purposes of satan in the world. Because the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein, in the Name of Christ we should seek to challenge those who would exploit little children and trample on their rights; we should seek to stem the tides

of permissiveness and pornography which are undermining our homes. We should remind those who corrupt civil governments and seek to use them for their own personal gain, that all power is from God and they should be God's ministers for good.

The National Reform Association does not seek in man's power to change the world, it is only in the power of Christ that we can hope to do anything. This is God's world and when Christians seek to be workers together with God, through Jesus Christ we can bring in a better day.

We seek to be a tool of the church so that Christian people may work together to make all of life more Christian. We seek to see everything put under the feet of Jesus Christ. We hope we can have the cooperation of all of the different denominations and of all Christians.

We hope this Synod will commend the National Reform Association to the congregations and members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America for their prayerful support and cooperation in our program.

Respectfully submitted, R. W. Caskey

The Report of the Pension Trustees was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 3 was amended. The report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PENSION TRUSTEES

We rejoice in the Sovereign mercies of God from which flow all our blessings. The support of the church of the worthy work of supplying the need of her elderly servants is greatly appreciated.

You may be interested to learn that at the beginning of this year this board was providing pensions to twelve couples and twenty-nine single persons amounting to more than \$75,000 annually. It is expected that our obligations will increase to approximately \$82,000 in 1978. Approximately eight additional persons will quality for pensions in 1978. We have appreciated the assistance of Synod in providing funds to our budget which slow the depreciation of our capital and help assure sufficient funding to meet the pension needs of our church. Our assets to fund the pensions of those 56 or older January 1, 1974, amount to approximately \$500,000 at this time.

Our provision for pensions for those younger is often referred to as plan "B". Individual accounts are maintained with sufficient investment to assure a retirement benefit of \$250 monthly at age 65. This investment assumes a minimum growth rate of 5.5%. Also a part of

this plan is survivor's insurance, in this care a declining term policy which provides care for the family if the wage-earner is deceased. An examination of the return in our investments for this plan (1974—1976) indicate earnings in excess of 13%.

The trustees at their last meeting examined the investment program and hired Frederick Cretors and Company, Inc. to provide investment counsel and manage the funds. This company was authorized to invest in the Income Services of Franklin Custodian Funds with a conversion operation to government bonds in declining markets to conserve our capital investment.

The board is making it possible for participants in plan "B" to increase the size of their individual accounts and subsequently of their retirement benefit through private contribution. Details of this plan have been provided those eligible to participate.

We wish to call to the attention of Synod that for some years the Seminary Board has been providing an additional retirement benefit at Synod's expense for the Seminary professors. We question the advisability of Boards of the church maintaining additional and separate retirement programs for their employees apart from that provided by the Pension Trustees. We are recommending that Synod request the Seminary Board to re-examine this practice in the light of the better benefits to be provided in Plan "B" of the Pension program.

Recommendations:

1. That successors to Robert Catloth, Fred Cretors, and W. A. McElroy whose terms expire this year be elected. We nominate these men to succeed themselves.

2. That Synod grant the Pension Trustees the amount of \$28,700

from Synod's Budget for 1978.

 That Synod direct the Seminary Board to examine their practice of maintaining an additional and separate retirement plan funded by The Seminary Board for seminary professors in the light of the better provision now made for retirement by the Pension Trustees.

> Signed: Robert Morrow, Chairman

The Report of the Judicial Committee was distributed, read, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Our committee has considered paper #77-6 regarding the appointment of a committee to confer with the "Christ's Community Church" of Chicago and has concluded that such a committee would not be in order for the following reasons:

1. This procedure does not come within the procedures called for in

the Book of Discipline for persons under censure. See Book of Discipline, Chapters 6 and 7.

Some of the Ohio-Illinois Elders have continued to seek the restoration of these brethern and are still awaiting a positive response.

3. While we recognize the need for continued concern and prayer for these brethern as expressed in this paper, we remind the Synod of it's primary responsibility to encourage and support the remaining members in the Chicago Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Signed,
J. D. Birdsall
G. Franklin
J. Dobbs
K. McBurney
R. McMillan

The Report on the Records of Presbyteries was read. The recommendation was adopted. The report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES EXAMINING THE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES AND COMMISSIONS

The minutes of the Iowa, Midwest, New York, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh, and St. Lawrence Presbyteries, and of the Japan Commission have been examined and nothing has been found contrary to the law and order of the church, with the following exceptions:

In the minutes of Iowa Presbytery two meetings of the Ad Interim Commission were held by phone, and there is no indication that they were constituted and adjourned in prayer.

In the minutes of Midwest Presbytery, the minutes of the Hays Commission on pages 263 – 265 were not approved by the commission.

In the minutes of New York Presbytery, notice is taken that Mr. Zodhiates was received, but no mention is made of the denomination he was received from, nor of the areas in which he was examined, nor of which congregation he is now with. This appears to be irregular.

In the minutes of the Pacific Coast Presbytery there are Ad Interim Commission minutes on pages 286-289 which do not show that they have been approved.

In the minutes of the Pittsburgh Presbytery it appears that the Sessional Records of the Rimersburg Congregation were not examined by Presbytery and this is in violation of paragraph 11, chapter 10 Book of Church Government.

In the minutes of the St. Lawrence Presbytery a question is raised about Robert Rice being ordained without Synod approval, since he was ordained to a Mission Station rather than to a regular congregation. A recommendation presented by the review committee is

included at the end of this report concerning this matter.

In the minutes of the Japan Commission there are two meetings (March 8, 1976; May 10, 1976) where there is no reference to being constituted, only that prayer was offered.

Recommendation:

1. We would recommend that Synod approve the action of the St. Lawrence Presbytery under the unusual circumstances of going ahead and ordaining Mr. Rice.

Respectfully submitted, Robert B. McCracken Asst. Clerk of Synod

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (also see page 131)

 Committee to Canvass the Vote on the Overtures sent down by the 1976 Synod: Ralph Joseph, Chrm., Paul Finley, Waldo Mitchel.

2. Committee on Arrangements and Devotions for the 1978 Synod: Jack White, Chrm., Robert McCracken, John O. Edgar, Ralph Shell.

3. Committee on Time and Place for the 1979 Synod: Don Piper, loe Lamont.

4. Delegate to the NAE Convention in Minneapolis, February 21—23, 1978: Ray Blair; Member of Synod to serve on NAE: D. Howard Elliott.

5. Committee to Consider the Resolution on a Shorter Testimony presented by Mr. Gordon Keddie and Mr. William Edgar: Marion McFarland, Chrm., Carl Mathews, Glenn McFarland, Surrendra Gangadean, Eldo McFarland.

6. Item 7 Unfinished Business—Committee to Review Chapter 12, Book of Church Government and Procedures for Debating Reports on the Floor of Synod: to replace Jerrold Milroy and William Long—Charles Sterrett and David Coon.

7. Letters of Remembrance:

TO:
M. W. Dougherty
Carl T. Grayson
Boyd White
Paul White
James Pennington
Gene Spear

G. M. Robb Bruce Backensto Wylie Caskey John O. Edgar Wayne Spear Ken Smith Alvin W. Smith Frank Allen Roy Fullerton William Sterrett Toshio Masunaga New York City Montclair Chicago New Castle Wilkinsburg Lochiel

White Lake

Hetherton

R. Paul Wright, M.D. Scott Milroy
S. Bruce Willson
Willard McMillan
Arlan Ramsay
Robert Henning
Luther McFarland
Ray Joseph
Ron Nickerson
Robert Fullerton
Paul Faris
Bill Edgar
Ray Hemphill

Presbyteries are reminded of their responsibility to contact those not present at Synod not listed here. (See 1974 Minutes of Synod, p. 60.)

- 8. Committee To Interpret the Phrases in the Overture on Session-Controlled Communion: Jerrold Milroy, Chairman; Dean Smith, Robert McFarland, John McMillan.
- 9. Additional members for the Committee on Questions on Covenanting: E. Clark Copeland, Edward Robson.
- 10. Recommendation to discontinue appointing an alternate to preach the retiring moderator's sermon.
- 11. Additional members for the Committee on the Officers of the Church: Bruce Backensto, Roy Blackwood.

Respectfully submitted, Neal Mann Lauren Wolcott Howard Elliott J. Paul McCracken Willard McMillan James Wright, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Resolution of Thanks was read, adopted and is as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give a Spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may gloridy the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Romans 15:5,6 N. I. V.

We thank God for the Spirit of unity and brotherly love so evident at this Synod, especially when differences of conviction have been expressed. The concern for one another's conscience is certainly a grace from God.

We thank God for granting safety of travel to all who have attended Synod, and pray for His continued care as we return home.

We are grateful to the administration and staff of Geneva College for the manner in which they have provided for our temporal needs.

> Robert Ulrich Roy McDonald

The Report of the Committee on a Resolution on a Shorter Testimony was taken up. Item 2 was adopted and referred to the Nominating Committee. Items 3, 4 and 5 were adopted. The Report was adopted. The Resolution and the Report are as follows:

RESOLUTION ON A SHORTER TESTIMONY

Whereas we, the undersigned, are convinced that the proposed new Testimony, by reason of format, length and content, does not lend itself readily to popular use as a witnessing tool by our membership, and

Whereas we believe that there is a need for a shorter, manageable, evangelism-oriented Testimony, and

Whereas the Declaration and Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, of 1966, provides an excellent model and basis for such a tract.

Be it resolved:

1. That Synod affirm the need for a shorter Testimony suitable for

popular and evangelistic use.

2. That Synod commend the Testimony Revision Committee for its excellent and painstaking work and that it be directed to use relevant portions of the fine material it has prepared toward the production of a short and popular Testimony focussing on current issues with the aim of providing an evangelistic tool.

3. That priority be given to the production of this Shorter Testimony.

4. That this Shorter Testimony be modelled as to format, length and content on that of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

5. That there be consultation with our Irish, Scottish and Australian brethern with a view to a common testimony to Western culture and society.

Respectfully submitted, William J. Edgar

COMMITTEE ON "RESOLUTION ON A SHORTER TESTIMONY"

Your committee reports the Lord's blessing in leading us to common agreement on the matter submitted to us. Therefore, we present these modifications and revisions for Synod's consideration:

#2 We propose that this item be amended to read, "That Synod commend the Testimony Revision Committee for it's excellent and painstaking work and that **a new committee** be directed to use relevant portions of the fine material it has prepared **and other pertinent material** toward the production of a short and popular Testimony focusing on current issues with the aim of providing an evangelistic tool."

#3 That production of a shorter Testimony which applies our doctrinal standards to current issues be undertaken concurrently

with the revised Testimony.

#4 That the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland's Testimony be seriously considered as an example in producing an applied shorter Testimony.

#5 That Items of the original resolution be referred to the committee

on Interchurch Correspondence.

Signed, Glenn McFarland Eldo McFarland Carl E. Mathews Surrendra Gangadean M. L. McFarland, Chairman

The Report of the Committee to Study the Responsibilities and Interrelations of Church and State in Education was taken up. Changes in the text were noted. Synod took action to hear Richard Sears on behalf of the committee. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERRELATIONS OF CHURCH AND STATE IN EDUCATION

The assignment to your committee is exceeding broad and it is impossible to make a comprehensive study in a year, or even two. The scene is constantly changing because our Government and Public Education is without an absolute standard; all is change. Therefore, we have limited our deliberations largely to what the Scriptures have to say on this sugject, along with a few of the implications of these statements of Scripture and broad principles of revelation.

Last year each member of the committee was assigned parts of both the Old and the New Testaments to see what those parts of Scripture have to say about the education of children. This year this study was continued.

Most of the references to teaching in the Scripture have to do with what we today call "preaching" or the teaching of the Word of God. All through the Bible there are references to the necessity of people knowing the Word of God and to the fact that the knowledge of the Most High must be taught. The vast majority of these references have to do with the teaching to all people—not just the children—the way of the Lord and do not refer to what we call "schools" today.

In the books of the Law we have the duty of teaching the Word of God given to the Levites (Leviticus 10:11; Deuteronomy 33:10). Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah both sent the Levites out to do their duty in teaching the people the Word of God, the Law of the Lord. Good King Josiah also commanded the Levites to teach the people (2 Kings 22, 23; 2 Chronicles 34, 35). This does not seem to be what we call schools, but these good kings were seeing that the "Church Teachers" were carrying out their responsibilities as appointed by God.

Moses, we are told, was educated in all the learning of Egypt (Acts 7:22), but he was in a heathen court. Daniel attended a school in Babylon to prepare for his duties in the government of his time, but because of his faithfulness to God, God gave Him special wisdom. He would not defile himself with the king's meat; he would be true to what he had been taught about God and His Kingdom. Acts 22:3 seems to teach that Paul attended the Greek schools in Tarsus, but his "religious" education was received in the school where Gamaliel was the chief instructor. At Ephesus Paul at least used the facilities of the school of Tyrannus to proclaim the Gospel (Acts 19:9). In Galatians 3:24, 25 Paul speaks of "schoolmaster". We find that these were not school teachers but slaves whose duty it was to take the children of their masters to school and see that they did their schoolwork. It is the Law (of God) that is the schoolmaster, the leader along the way, είς Christ. It is not any other education, nor is it the end, nor is it toward or into any other goal. It appears that Law and our needed education (true education) can be equated here. Next, the γέγονεν -perfect tense-our schoolmaster. Law "has become" "The Greek perfect tense denotes the present state resultant upon a past action. "-Machen. The "present state" is "schoolmaster", and the "past action" is "has become". Therefore, the Law is a schoolmaster following the conversion from being "dead in sin" to being alive in Christ and not merely up to that point. Reformed doctrine of sovereign grace must place the emphasis on time following conversion. The Law and the knowledge of that Law (true education) is to continue in the role of a schoolmaster by leading men to Christ that they may fulfill their duty to glorify God. Present day public school education is not directed toward that goal. Crucial to all of this is a biblical understanding of knowledge and Law. The Old Testament

main word for law מורה comes from לרה, which means to point out or show and also direct, teach, instruct. (Brown, Driver, Briggs.) It is the same picture as the schoolmaster or parent who directs the pupil or child in a certain direction. ("This is the way; walk ye in it".) Knowledge is an intimate, covenant term. In John 10:4, Jesus says that His sheep know His voice. Obviously He is not talking about whether it is a high or low pitched voice etc., because we cannot now know it in that way. He is speaking of the understanding of a matter (whether it is of Christ) by or through His Law (the schoolmaster). In Christ Himself are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3).

In all of Scripture we do not find any place where God has commanded the State, or for that matter any other agency, to operate schools. One of the chief functions of the Church is to teach the Law, truth, precepts, statutes, love, way, etc. of the Lord; this seems to be in a worship situation rather than in a school as we know it today. However, it does not exclude church schools.

Where, then, does God place the responsibility of teaching the children? The Creation ordinance (Genesis 1:26—30) places a duty upon men to teach his offspring about God and His creation. In Deuteronomy 6 it is placed squarely upon the parents, especially the fathers; and they are to teach especially the "love", "fear", "words", "works", "statutes", "worship", "righteousness" of the Lord their God. All through the book of Proverbs this same principle is stressed; the fathers and mothers are to teach the children. The Psalms and the Song of Solomon seem to concur with this idea.

Paul in 2 Timothy 3:14—17, by the Spirit of God, places his approval on the mother's and grandmother's training of Timothy. Consider how by faith he was obedient to the teachings of his parents and was obedient to the truth of God. Solomon was given great wisdom by God; thus, through his study of God's creation, he wrote about a variety of God's Creation (I Kings 4:33).

Christianity is not a religion of texts, but the whole teaching of the Word of God. Our doctrine is agreeable unto and founded upon the whole Word of God. We must therefore look at the whole impact of the Bible on this important question. It was in this way that the Westminster Standards were written. In Psalm 9:10 we sing, "And those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee." To know the name is to know the Person. To know the Name Yahweh is to know or to trust Him.

We need also to understand that trust, belief, faith, and knowledge cannot be separated; the words are mutually dependent in many places. The same is true in the scientific field; faith and knowledge are related in the closest possible way. Because certain truths are known,

we act upon that knowledge believing that on the basis of these facts, certain results will follow. The two ideas can never be really separated.

In the teachings of Jesus Christ, recorded in the Gospel, we do not find direct reference to schools; yet from those accounts we find some of the strongest arguments for Christian education. All through the records of Jesus' life and teachings we find Him marveling at the unbelief of the people. They did not believe because they did not know God, the Scriptures, or God's creation. He was condemning both parents and leaders, teachers in the Church, for the ignorance of the people and for their not believing Him, His works, or His Father. In His High-Priestly prayer He says, "And this is eternal life, that they may know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent . . . Sanctify them in the truth. Thy word is Truth . . . O righteous Father, although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me; and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them and 1 in them." (John 17:3, 17, 25, 26). Christian faith thrives on knowledge. That knowledge must be disseminated! It must be taught by word and example to our children.

Jesus had a great love for children and often used them as an illustration to teach truth. Consider Mark 10:15-16:

And they began bringing children to him, so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say unto you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all." And he took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands upon them.

We cannot physically bring our children to Jesus and have Him place His hands on them and bless them; but it is our privilege and duty in teaching our children to bring them to the living, reigning Christ and look to Him by faith to bring them into the Kingdom of Cod

All subjects must be taught from a Christian point of view that God is the Author of all and all must be interpreted in light of His revealed Word. Christian mathematics does not differ from non-Christian science, nor is this true in any other sphere of knowledge. The difference is the philosophy that undergirds that field of knowledge. God has established the laws and order of mathematics, of science, and of every other field of knowledge; and therefore every field of knowledge is a highway to Christ and God.

We need to give good heed to Matthew 18:1—14. Here Jesus is warning about stumbling-blocks in the way of children causing them to sin and keeping them from believing in Christ. Jesus makes it plain that any man who, through sin, causes a little one to fall from Him would be better off if he had never been born. It would be better for him to be killed than to cause a child not to believe. Here is why Christian education is so necessary. Education which does not bring a child to Christ is casting a stumbling-block before him.

The Christian does not need to be afraid of the body of knowledge known as "science". God is the Author of all true science. He is Truth Himself. He cannot deny Himself. God is the Author of archaeology, so we do not need to fear that some archaeologist will turn a shovel of dirt or debris and find some artifacts or evidence which would disprove Christianity. The facts of archaeology, like the facts of science, have to be (and are) interpreted. It is the unchristian philosophical interpretation which is placed upon scientific facts and archaeological finds which the Christian has to fear and oppose. The word "philosophy" is made up of two Green words meaning "to love", or "lover", and "wisdom". A philosopher is a lover of wisdom. Man has developed many corruptions of this meaning. It must be remembered that God is the Author of all creation knowledge, facts, and wisdom. All human facts are God-created facts. They can be interpreted correctly only in the light of God and His Word. The philosophy which holds the field in education today is based on what is called evolution, pragmatism, humanism and many other such false philosophies. According to these, everything is constantly changing; there are no absolutes and there can be no absolutes. Therefore, the God of Scripture not only does not exist, but He cannot exist. According to such philosophies, the Christian cannot be given a hearing. If there is a god, he is no different from man; all are in this world of chance. This the Christian must deny; he must teach his children the Truth and the true God Who is revealed in the Bible. God must be taught as the infinite, eternal and unchangeable God, Who can perform all His holy will. There is no force or person above or beyond Him who can cause Him to do anything. He is self-sufficient, not dependent upon any outside Himself nor upon anything He has made. Yet this God humbles Himself to hear the prayers of His children who come to Him through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who loved us and give Himself for us.

The fact that God is the Creator of all is basic to all Christianity, not just for the way of salvation but for the understanding of all science. All is created by God and can be completely understood only by Him. Only His interpretation of a fact is true. Man is given the privilege in a small way of thinking God's thoughts after Him and doing His work

after Him. We and our children are to be conformed unto His image. The doctrine of creation demands Christian education. In the Creation mandate (Genesis 1:26—30) it is incumbent upon man, as a creature and an image-bearer of God, to subdue his privilege to think God's thoughts after Him. After the fall the demands are the same. However, his eyes have been blinded and he can see nothing aright without the supernatural written revelation of God. It is only a child of God who can grasp this truth and teach it to his children and lead them to the truth.

Hand in hand with the doctrine of creation is the covenant relationship which God has established between parent and child, the covenant responsibilities of the parent in training his children in the way of the Lord. Acts 2:39 is a case in point, "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself." The promise here is the promise of the Holy Spirit's bringing all the Covenant blessings and responsibilities. The promises do not come without the Covenant responsibilities. We must, therefore, educate the children in the knowledge of the Lord that all might be conformed to the image of Christ.

"And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people" (Matthew 4:23). The teaching of Jesus about the Kingdom of God demands Christian education for our children. The Gospel is not just to save individuals but to build a Christian community, to build men into the Kingdom of God, to teach them to be good subjects of the King of kings. Jesus explained it in Luke 10:27, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." He also explained love as fulfilling the law. In modern language this is simply applying the will of God to every situation, duty, problem, and relationship of life and thought. This requires a lot of education for all of us fallen men, for we must know the will of God in order to apply His Word to our lives. All must be brought into subjection to His will.

In light of the above, we should take a thumbnail sketch of the history of American Education. The Kitchen schools and all the early grammar schools, as well as the institutions of higher learning in the Colonies, were nurtured in Christianity and on Christian principles. Children were taught to read and write so they could read and understand the Bible. The Northwest Ordinance, Article 3, reads: "Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." The first laws in the Colonies to govern education were requirements for communities of fifty families or more

to maintain schools, free to all their children, for instruction of the children in religion, morals, and knowledge. "In Massachusetts, towns with 50 families were required in 1647 to provide an elementary school, a plan later adopted in Connecticut (1650)." However, compulsory elementary education did not become effective until the nineteenth century. (Collier's Encyclopedia, Volume 6, page 531). Generally speaking, the same men wrote the Articles of Confederation, the Northwest Ordinance, and the Constitution with its first ten amendments. They found no conflict between these documents.

Horace Mann wanted the Bible taught in the schools because of the moral influence it has on men, even unbelievers. However, he wanted the schools to be the servant of the State instead of the parents. Today the state almost completely controls the public schools, even though some people are still fighting against this principle. It is reported by Rousas J. Rushdoony that Thomas Jefferson, who was a staunch advocate of free public schools, "exppressed the view on one occasion that he would as soon see the farms and the factories managed by the state as to see local public education subsidized by the state". However, Mann's idea has prevailed and we now have mancentered, state-controlled education instead of God-centered, parent-controlled education in our public schools. Yet, we do have many Christian educators in our public schools, for which we are devoutly thankful to Almighty God.

This is not the place for us to show the devastating effect that the philosophy of John Dewey, his followers, and such men have had in turning the public educational system of the United States so largely into the control of the humanistic, materialistic, anti-Christian institution.

The State of Michigan in its revised Constitution of 1963 carries this same statement of Article 3 of the Northwest Ordinance. However, in that state, as well as in all others, the courts have overruled this statement and religion is ruled out of all our public schools.

One other fact should be brought to our attention and that is that the United States Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the right of parents to teach their children rather than have them attend the statecontrolled schools.

As Covenanters, we thank God for Geneva College and the Christian schools of our land where the Word of God is taught. Like everything else, education must all be to the glory of God. Every subject and every fact must be taught from a Christian Theistic point of view. As faithful servants of God we must awaken to our duty of educating our children in the Truth to the glory of God, Who said in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life".

Some Covenanters early recognized the changes that were taking place. In the Appendix of the Minutes of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of 1840, page 198, we have the following statement: "Parents should, if possible, avoid sending their children to any school which is not taught by an orthodox and godly preceptor, who opens and closes daily exercises with prayer". From the preceding quotation it is clear that our forefathers wanted Christian education for their children. This is what is demanded by Genesis 1:26—30; Deuteronomy 6; Psalm 34; 111; Ephesians 6:1—4; and many other references, especially the teachings of Jesus. The Bible places the responsibility of the training of the children upon the parents.

In summary: 1) Because God, after creating man in the image of God, charged him to bring all things into subjection to God; 2) Because, by the covenant relationship which God established between parents and children, God gave children to parents—not to the state or the church, even though born into both; and 3) Because God commanded parents to teach their children the truth of God and to educate them in the ways of God (Deuteronomy 6; Psalm 34; 111; Ephesians 6:1—4); therefore, it is the duty of parents to educate their children that every thought may be brought into captivity to Christ. Such reasons should be the motives for having the highest possible scholastic standings. Men are God's vice-regents. The Church, as the "pillar and ground of the truth", should see that parents teach their children the truth.

Recommendations:

1. That Synod encourage Christians who are involved as parents, students, teachers, administrators, or board members in state school systems to bear witness to Jesus Christ.

2. That our people be urged to see that their children receive a Christian education; that sessions work with members to attain this

end.

3. That our people be urged to cooperate with other Reformed groups to establish academicly qualified Christian schools which strive to attain the Marks of a Christian Education—this as an extension of the Christian home.

4. That the committee be discharged and that the Board of Education and Publication be entrusted with the work of promoting Christian education in the area generally known as the Day School

a. To help the people of the R.P.C.N.A. to recognize and understand the nature of secular humanism and its essential

opposition to the sovereignty of Jesus Christ.

b. To promote in the RPCNA a knowledge of the principles, aims and methods of sound Christian schools and understanding of the present need for such institutions.

c. To guard our people against the many pitfalls of quasi-Christian schools.

Marks of a Christian Education (School)

- 1. A declaration that the Bible is the only infallible rule of faith and life. Christian schools need not be under the control of a denomination, but should rest on the confession of the authority of Scripture as it bears upon the educational process. Such schools may be organized and directed by an association of Christian parents.
- 2. A development of citizenship in the Kingdom of God and resultant Christian character. Such schools should not be dominated by moralistic discipline or patriotic conservatism, but rather should encourage the student to be responsible in behaviour and develop a biblical critique of the state.

3. An acknowledgment that God is the Creator of all; that He upholds all things by His power, directed by His wisdom; and that we live and move and have our being in Him.

4. A recognition that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; therefore, regeneration is essential.

5. An understanding that man has been created by God

a. in the image of God

b. to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever

c. to spread the knowledge of the glory of the Lord

6. A philosophy that all subjects are taught from a Biblical theistic point of view.

7. An attainment of a high scholastic standard for the glory of God.

8. An involvement of the student in the biblical understanding of creation and culture.

Philip W. Martin, Chairman Ray Joseph David Bennett Rex Downey Richard Sears

The Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up. Items 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 were adopted.

The Court was recessed in prayer by the Moderator.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977, 7:00 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Bruce Hemphill. The Roll was noted.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up. Item 10 was adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

"... which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it began to mock him. Saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish." Luke 14:28—30

For the third year, this report opens with a biblical passage admonishing us to count the cost before we build our towers. The resources of the church have approached the point at which our expenditures have exceeded our income without any reasonable prospect of receiving funds from other sources in the future to meet deficits. Therefore, the Finance Committee has made its decisions with a view to reconciling the scripture as nearly as it was found possible in the light of the church's current commitments.

As an item of information, the Finance Committee has requested that Synod's Board of Trustees submit their administrative budget each year for the approval of Synod.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee are as follows:

1. That the sum of \$18,174.72 **remaining** in Synod's Contingent Fund be applied to meeting a portion of the deficit in the 1976 Budget of Synod.

2. That the sum of \$5,614.26 remaining in Synod's Undesignated Funds be applied to meeting a portion of the deficit of the 1976

Budget of Synod.

3. That the remainder of the deficit in the 1976 Budget of Synod, in the sum of \$12,748.35, be transferred to the 1977 Budget of Synod.

4. That \$400 be contributed to the building fund of the National Association of Evangelicals in addition to the normal contribution

to NAE, to be paid from the Miscellaneous Fund.

5. That the deficit in expense for the Pre-Synodical Conference be

paid from the Miscellaneous Fund.

6. That the assessment of congregations for the 1978 Travel Fund of Synod be set at \$4.50 per communicant member (an increase of 50¢ over 1977).

That the assessment of congregations for the Pension Plan of Synod be set at \$10.00 per calendar year per each communicant

member beginning in 1978.

8. That the scale of annual salaries for professors in the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary be approved as recommended by the Seminary within the following range:

For Faculty Members:

Between \$14,000 and \$20,000, of which \$4,200 shall be set as a housing allowance

For the President

An additional \$1,250 to \$2,000 to that prescribed for Faculty Members

- 9. That the annual salaries of the specified employees of Synod be set at the following figures, beginning January 1, 1978: Ronald W. Nickerson, salary of \$15,050 (formerly \$14,200) with \$4,200 designated as a housing allowance (formerly \$3,600); Lee P. Bittner, III, salary of \$14,600 (formerly \$13,600) with \$4,200 designated as a housing allowance (formerly \$3,600); Louis D. Hutmire, salary of \$16,000 (formerly \$15,000).
- 10. That Synod's 1978 Budget be as follows:

,	Request	Granted
Board of Education and Publication	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000
Foreign Mission Board	47,000	40,000
Geneva College	40,000	20,000
Graduate Study Fund	1,000	1,000
Home Mission Board	41,910	34,000
Misc. Fund of Synod	11,810	10,000
Pension Trustees	28,700	19,000
Seminary Board	77,465	70,000
Women's Association	20,000	1,000
	\$327,885	\$245,000

- 11. That Synod's Board of Trustees, the Trustees of Geneva College, and the Board of Superintendents of the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, by the appointment of two representatives by each institution to a joint committee to prepare a feasibility study regarding the advisability of relocating the Seminary in or around Geneva College for the purpose of reducing expenses and building closer ties with Geneva undergraduates; the report thereof to be submitted to the 1978 Synod. Synod's Board of Trustees is to initiate this action.
- 12. That Geneva College be given permission to conduct a campaign for capital and endowment gifts among the congregations and members of the RPCNA to seek the sum of \$500,000 over a period of ten years in support of a \$15,000,000 development program.
- 13. That the Audit/Treasurer's Report of Synod's Board of Trustees for 1976 be approved and included in the Minutes of Synod.
- 14. That the current statement on Cyprus Funds be printed in the appendix of Synod's Minutes for 1977.
- 15. That \$400 be paid from the Miscellaneous Fund to the National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship to help underwrite the 1979 Reformed Congress.

- 16. That the assessment of \$800 be paid from the Miscellaneous Fund to the Reformed Ecumenical Synod in 1977.
- 17. That every Presbytery make a determined effort to appoint a deacon delegate to the 1978 Synod who can attend and participate in the work of the Committee on Finance.

Signed:

Permanent Members:

F. T. Cretors, Chairman

I. M. Mitchell, Secretary

D. H. Elliott

1. D. Birdsall

Alan Windham

S. M. Lee (absent)

Deacon Delegates:

Bill Finley, Ohio-Illinois

Ola Lambert, Iowa

Jack McCready, Midwest

Charles Millican, New York

Dennis Olson, Pacific Coast

It was moved that the non-delegate members of the Committee on finance be reimbursed for their conference expenses from Synod's Miscellaneous Fund. The motion carried.

The Report of Corporators of Geneva College was taken up and adopted. The Reports of the Boards of Corporators and the Trustees of Geneva College are as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE

We thank God for his kind providences to our Board, to the Board of Trustees, the Administration, faculty and student body of the College allowing us to serve his kingdom and share its benefits in the past year.

We held a called meeting at the College March 24, 1977 to examine Drs. Lloyd Dean and Willem VanGemeren, two non-Reformed Presbyterians, for continuation of their employment in the Department of Biblical Studies and Philosophy in accord with Sec. 5 of Article III of the by-laws. Both were approved. Dr. Dean has since resigned.

Our annual meeting was held at the College June 3 and 4, 1977. The following persons were elected to the Board of Trustees of Geneva College in the Class of 1980:

Nominated by the Trustees and elected: Ralph E. Smith and Charles

Nominated by the Alumni Association and elected: John Sawyer and Paul Cross

Representing the RPCNA: D. Howard Elliott, Mrs. Willard Hemphill, Joseph Lamont, Robert McCrory, William O. Martin, Robert Heimburger, Donald Felker The following persons were elected to the Board of Corporators in the Class of 1980: Bruce C. Stewart, John Wilson, Wayne Duffield, Richard Sears.

The following officers of the Board of Corporators were elected:

President: J. Renwick Wright Vice-President: Dean R. Smith Secretary: Donald McBurney Treasurer: John Wilson

Recommendations:

1. That the incumbent, Kenneth G. Smith, be nominated for re-election to the Board of Corporators by the Synod.

2. That Synod hear the report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva

College.

3. That Synod approve a capital gifts campaign by Geneva College among the congregations of the RPCNA.

Signed: E. Clark Copeland, Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE (May 1, 1976 through April 30, 1977)

TO THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE:

We continue to thank our God and Father for His continued blessings. We especially thank Him for His care during the low temperature and energy crisis days of the past winter.

We held meetings on May 28 and October 22, 1976 and on January 28 and March 25, 1977.

Enrollment dropped significantly this year. This created financial problems. We are again thankful that we have been enabled to continue our essential services and have been spared the added costs of "penalty" payments on the gas fuel we had to use. This was made possible by keeping temperatures low, by closing some areas and by closing the whole school from February 4 through 28.

Worship and discussion chapel programs continue. Dr. Jay Adams of Westminster Theological Seminary conducted the Thomas F. Staley lectures. Dr. Henrick Rookmaker, Dutch scholar and Chairman of the Art faculty of the Free University of Amsterdam, conducted the Fourth Annual Conference on Christian Faith and Arts. Dr. John H. Gerstner of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary presented "The Evangelical Message of Jonathan Edwards". The second Annual Pastors' Conference is planned for May 31—June 1. The CFS Choir made several presentations in Psalm and other Scripture.

The usual concern for academic, student, faculty and curriculum matters continues. Attention also was given to revision of the Core Curriculum by an appointed commission. A new major was approved in Computer Science. Forty-nine per cent of the faculty hold the earned doctorate degree. A number, about twelve, "Informal" courses were given by various faculty members on appealing subjects during March. They were audit courses and served to introduce many members of the community to the College and its work.

It appears that the current year expenditures will be within our income, although it has been necessary to assign certain gift items to the current operating budget. The lower enrollment has emphasized the need for strong continued financial support. The third annual Geneva Phon-O-Thon, held in March, resulted in pledges of \$25,131. This is a sizable increase over last year. The telephone callers were alumni and friends. It must continually be emphasized that others look to see what the alumni, trustees, corporators, faculty, staff and administration do in the way of support before they act. Please pray and give.

As of March 1977 the Reformed Presbyterian Church had made payments of \$533,470 on pledges of \$541,699. Payments to the total Development Fund in the amount of \$6,757,349 have been received out of \$6,863,628 which has been pledged. Plans are in progress for revising the College Master Plan. This would be accompanied by a further capital gifts campaign. Details will be announced.

Enrollment in the day school (as of September) was 1127. During 1977 it is expected that 158 students will be graduated. This includes 16 with associate degrees.

The values of college property and endowments for 1977 and 1976 are:

	1977 (Audit of 6/30/76)	1976 (Audit of 6/30/75)
Land		\$ 1,528,726 17,808,850 2,311,798
Total Physical Plant	\$23,119,913 \$ 3,363,147	\$21,649,374 \$ 3,364,969
Size of campus	112.208 acres	112.208 acres

The Reverend John Guest, pastor of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Sewickley, Pa., will deliver the Baccalaureate address in Metheny Fieldhouse on Sabbath evening, May 8, 1977. The Commencement exercises will be held on May 10 at which time the Reverend LeRoy Eims, the International Ministry Representatives for the Navigators, will deliver the commencement address.

At the 1976 Commencement exercises, honorary degrees were conferred on the following persons:

Harvie M. Conn recieved the honorary degree Doctor of Letters John N. Sawyer received the honorary degree Doctor of Laws R. C. Sproul received the honorary degree Doctor of Letters.

The terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees expire in 1977 and their successors should be chosen:

Representing the Reformed Presbyterian church—Rev. D. Howard Elliott, Rev. Donald W. Felker, Mrs. Willard E. Hemphill, Dr. Robert F. Heimburger, Mr. Joseph Lamont, Dr. William O. Martin, Mr. Robert W. McCrory

Representing the Alumni Association—Dr. Paul C. Cross, Judge John N. Sawyer

Members certified by the Board of Trustees—Mr. D. W. Kelso, Attorney Ralph E. Smith.

We would respectfully request that President Edwin C. Clarke be heard by the Synod on behalf of the College.

We are thankful that God has continued to provide dedicated Christian men and women to fill key administrative, faculty and staff positions. As a Board, we are keenly aware of the responsibility we have to establish policies that will strengthen the quality of education that is offered the students at Geneva. We are encouraged that Geneva College is becoming better known and respected in the Christian community at large and that an increasing number of Christian students are seeking admission to Geneva College. We would encourage the members of the church to be constantly alert for young people who would be an asset to the student body and who would benefit from the educational opportunities offered at Geneva.

We request the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America for approval to conduct a capital gifts campaign among the congregations. We request that the Synod approve a Church goal of \$500,000 to be contributed over a ten-year period, in support of the \$15,000,000 development program.

J. Merrill Robb, President Jean L. Hemphill, Secretary

The Reports of Fraternal Delegates and observers to other Church Courts were heard.

Lester Kilpatrick reported that he had taken Fraternal greetings to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Bruce Backensto reported that he had taken fraternal greetings to the Classis of the Reformed Church in the U.S., Eureka Classis.

Charles McBurney reported that he had taken fraternal greetings to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Nominating Committee presented nominations for the Committee to Produce a Shorter Testimony. The vote was taken. The results are as follows:

Kenneth G. Smith, Chairman, Samuel E. Boyle, Gordon Keddie, William Edgar, Jack White, J. Paul McCracken, Robert McFarland.

It was moved that a synopsis of the rules of Synod be included in the Docket for Synod next year. The motion carried.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by the Moderator after which the Synod joined in singing Psalm 133.

The Moderator declared that Synod stands adjourned to meet at Calvin College, Grand Rapids Michigan, June 16, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Paul M. Martin, Clerk Robert McCracken, Assistant Clerk

Appendix

The sections of the Revised Testimony adopted by Synod

INTRODUCTION

God's covenants are His gracious instruments for the accomplishment of His purpose that the creation should serve Him. The covenant character of revelation appears in all the Scripture and binds the sixty-six books together in one unified Word of God. It gives the two divisions of the Bible their names, the Old Testament and the New Testament, or Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31—33; Hebrews 8:13). The covenant concept lies at the heart of the Westminster Confession of Faith and The Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

Covenant revelation began with God's first conversation with man. God made him ruler over all things, His servant and co-laborer in

achieving His purpose for the creation (Genesis2:15). This covenant directed man's activity and promised him life through obedience to God's Word. Thus it was a "Covenant of Life" (Shorter Catechism 12), confirmed by the curse of death for disobedience. By work and rest, after the pattern of his Creator, man was to demonstrate his dependence on God and his hope of final consummation of God's purpose. This covenant required man to respond to God to the full capacity of his being as the image of God.

When Adam broke the covenant by disobedience death came upon him and all mankind since they were included in the covenant. But God delayed the final sentence of death, and promised victory over Satan through the seed of the woman. Man's mandate to subdue the earth continued, but he must toil in grief under the curse that God placed upon the whole creation. God's purpose for creation would be accomplished through the Covenant of Grace.

The remainder of Scripture is the gradual infolding of the Covenant of Grace through a series of covenants, each developing a particular element of the one preceding it and preparing for a more complete accomplishment. The call of the elect people, ultimately to include all nations, to live by faith in obedience was set forth in successive covenants made with Abraham, the nation of Israel, and David.

In the fulness of time God brought forth His Son, born of a virgin, of the seed of David. He obeyed the Covenant of Life on behalf of His people and offered Himself as a sacrifice to die, once for all, in their place and to appear for them on the throne of God in heaven. Thus Jesus obeyed as man, died for man and sat down in heaven to rule over all things and bring His covenant people to share His throne and glory (Luke 22:30).

In the Covenant of Grace all men are called to repentance and obedience. By the grace of God through the merit of Christ and the convicting work of the Holy Spirit, God's people are saved, sanctified (Leviticus 22:32; Hebrews 2:11), and given one mind and heart to serve Him. Thus God is always reaching out to men. The covenant people are bound to one another in their Head, Jesus Christ. They are children of the covenant bearing witness corporately to His lordship over every sphere of their life. There is nothing outside of His dominion.

Israel frequently responded to God by covenanting with Him to live in faithfulness to the covenant given through Moses (Joshua 24), or to bring about reform after apostacy (2 Chronicles 15:12; 29:10; 34:29—32; Nehemiah 9:38). These were solemn agreements between the people and God that they would observe His revealed law in particular circumstances in their day (Nehemiah 9:38; 10:29). Though these are covenants, they are to be distinguished from the

covenants given by God to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Israel, David and from the New Covenant.

The whole creation is under God's covenant to accomplish His will through Christ, the Mediator, by the Holy Spirit. Genesis 9:9—16; Psalm 114; Jeremiah 33:20—21; Romans 8:20—22.

EXPLANATION

The Westminster Confession of Faith is one of the historic creeds of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches. The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America believes that this Confession is based on, and subordinate to, Scripture. The truth it presents is of inestimable value for contemporary society.

However, changes in the application of truth are needed because of changing situations in each generation. Some current topics of vital importance for the Christian Church were unknown in the 17th Century. Therefore the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America presents its Testimony applying Scripture truth to the contemporary situation. This Testimony is placed in a column parallel to that which contains the Confession.

Wherever applicable, to aid in the usefulness of these documents, notations are made at the heading of each chapter to the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. As a general rule, proof texts are provided for the positive statements, but not for the rejections.

All of these documents, the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms are of equal authority in the Church, except that where noted, earlier documents are to be interpreted by the later ones.

Chapter 1: of the Holy Scripture
(Larger Catechism: 2-5; Shorter Catechism: 2-3)

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God has revealed Himself in His works, called natural or general revelation, and His word, called special revelation. This self-revelation contains all that man needs to know about God. The revelation of God in His works is clear, but it does not make

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1. Although the light of nature and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men unexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that Knowledge of God and of His will, which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times. and in divers manners, to reveal Himself and to declare that His will unto His Church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and

known the covenant purposes of God. Hence, God began from the creation of man, to make known the covenant relationship He had established between Himself and man. These matters could not have become known to man except by special (verbal) revelation. 1 Corinthians 2:9; Genesis 1:28; 2:16, 17; Romans 1:19, 20 These two forms of revelation, His works and His word, are complementary. Any apparent obscurity of either of them, or alleged confusion or contradiction between them, arises from the natural limitations of man, and especially from his sinful state of rebellion against God, and the resultant curse of God upon him and the whole creation. The Scripture reveals that both the works of God and the written word of God have been spoken into being by the Son, the living Word of God, the Creator, Who also, as the Incarnate Mediator and Risen Savior continues to uphold the universe by His powerful word, Psalm 19: lob 38-41; Psalm 139:6; Romans 1:19-32; John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:1-3. The revelation of God's works can be rightly understood only in the light of the written word. 1 Corinthians 1:21

The living Word became man, Jesus Christ. In His life, death and resurrection He fulfilled the covenant broken by man's disobe-

of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing: which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing His will unto His people being now ceased.

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dience and did most completely reveal God and His purpose for man. The Son makes the Father known to man; yet the Son is not known by man except by the Spirit through the Scripture. Hence the Scripture is the final word of God to man for faith and life. Matthew 11:27; John 1:18; John 14:24—26; 1 Corinthians 2:10—13.

God gave His written revelation progressively by holy men whom He chose, inspired and infallibly guided to write, inerrantly and completely, the revelation of His will. No further such revelation is to be received. The human authors with differing skills expressed themselves in the peculiar idioms and a variety of literary forms common to their times. They used human sources of historical information and they recorded interpretations of those events and prophecies concerning the future that God revealed to them. In all they wrote, however, they were guided by the Holy Spirit as to matter and manner so that their writings are indeed the word of God. Genesis 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 1 Kings 11:41; 14:29; 2 Samuel 23:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Jeremiah 36:32.

We reject any view of Scripture that denies the objective truth of the Bible by making the authority of its massage dependent on the circumstances or the subjective

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experience of the reader.

We reject the notion that the process of revelation was a mechanical one in which the writers were reduced to mere stenographers. We also reject all theories of composition that make the writers mere editors or collectors of human tradition and liturgy, so that their writings are but human accounts or interpretations of religious development under God. We likewise reject the teaching that prophecy is history written after the event.

2. Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments, which are these:

Of the Old Testament

Genesis

Ecclesiastes

Exodus

The Song of Songs

Leviticus

Isaiah

Numbers leremiah.

Deuteronomy Lamentations

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Ezekiel

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Daniel

Ruth

Hosea

1 Samuel

Joel

2 Samuel

Amos

1 Kings

Obadiah

2 Kings

Ionah

1 Chronicles Micah

2 Chronicles Nahum

Fzra

Habakkuk

Nehemiah

Zephaniah

Esther lob

Haggai

Psalms

Zechariah Malachi

Proverbs

Of the New Testament

Matthew 1 Timothy Mark 2 Timothy Luke Titus Philemon John Hebrews Acts lames Romans 1 Corinthians 1 Peter 2 Corinthians 2 Peter Galatians 1 John 2 John **Ephesians** Philippians 3 John Colossians lude 1 Thessalonians Revelation 2 Thessalonians

All which are given by inspiration of God, to be the rule of faith and life.

- 3. The books commonly called Apocrypha, not being of divine inspiration, are no part of the canon of the Scripture; and therefore are of no authority in the Church of God, nor to be any otherwise approved, or made use of, than other human writings.
- 4. The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man, or Church; but wholly upon God (Who is truth itself) the author thereof: and therefore it is to be received because it is the Word of God.
- 5. We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to a high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture.

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The Old Testament is the word of Christ and is of equal authority with the New Testament. Nor are the earthly words of Christ quoted in the Scriptures in any way of greater authority or of greater significance to the Church than the rest of God's Word. It is the Triune God who speaks with equal and absolute authority in and through every part of Scripture.

The truthfulness of God, and not the reasonableness of any doctrine, is the ground of our faith. It is the work of the gospel

And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

6. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture; unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word: and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the Church, common to human actions and societies, which are

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to cast down reasonings against the knowledge of God, and to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:15; 2 Corinthians 10:5

We reject the view that the Bible sets forth truth in the form of myth.

We reject the view that the Bible is only partially inspired, that inspiration pertains only to "revelational" matters, or "saving" truth or that the Bible as originally given contains any inaccuracy in fact or history.

We reject the view that the Holy Spirit gives personal revelations or that He leads men apart from the general principles of the Word or contrary to its teachings.

to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

7. All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all: yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.

8 The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentical; so as, in all controversies of religion, the Church is finally to appeal unto them. But, because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God, who have a right unto, and interest in the Scripture, and are commanded in the fear of God, to read and search them, therefore they are to be translated into the vulgar

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We reject the concept that there is continuing revelation of God in the actions, decisions or decrees of the church.

There are in the Scripture doctrines which unassisted reason could never have discovered; and yet, when revealed, are perfectly intelligible by the human mind. Other doctrines are taught in Scripture which human reason cannot fully comprehend and which must be received on the authority of God. Isaiah 40:13; 1 Corinthians 1:20; Psalm 119:130; 1 Corinthians 2:6—16

We reject any suggestion that God uses human reason on a level with Scripture to reveal His truth

Bible translations must combine faithfulness to the original text with the idiom of the native language, and thus will always be imperfect. The Church is responsible to examine the documents available to determine as far as possible what was originally written, and to study the translations as to their accuracy in conveying the meaning of the original, and to advise the public concerning them. Paraphrases, which interpret rather than translate, must be used with great caution.

language of every nation unto which they come, that the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship Him in an acceptable manner; and through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, may have hope.

- 9. The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself: and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold but one) it must be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly.
- 10. The supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined; and in whose sentence we are to rest; can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.

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All men have the right to read the Bible, to inquire into its meaning, and to adopt the doctrines it teaches. In studying the Bible men must depend upon the illumination of the Holy Spirit. They must use God-given human faculties and search in earnest for the truth, in submission to the authority of Scripture. In interpreting the Bible consideration must be given to the historical situation in which the passage was written, to the grammatical structure, and to the literary form. The instruction and counsel of fellow believers, of teachers of the Word, and creeds and confessions of the church should be given due consideration. When men understand the message of the Bible, they must earnestly seek to obey that message in all that they think and do. Acts 2:42; John 5:39; 2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11

Chapter 2: Of God and the Holy Trinity (Larger Catechism 7—11; Shorter Catechism 4—6)

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- 1. There is but one only, living and true God: who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; and withal, most just and terrible in His judgements, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.
- 2. God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness in and of Himself: and is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto and upon them: He is alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever Himself pleaseth. In His sight all things are open and manifest: His

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The true God is revealed in Scripture. Any concept of God, however sincerely held, that is contrary to Scripture is false, and in the end idolatrous. A knowledge of the true God is essential to saving faith. Romans 10:14—17; Isaiah 44:6; 10—17; Acts 17:22—29.

We reject any teaching which denies or obscures the difference between God the Creator and man the creature or the rest of creation. Romans 1:23—24; Acts 5:3—4.

knowledge is infinite, infallible and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to Him contingent, or uncertain. He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands. To Him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service or obedience He is pleased to require of them.

3. In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father: the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

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God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are equally to be worshipped by angels and men. Philippians 2:9-10; Hebrews 1:2, 3, 6, 8; 2 Corinthians 13:14

The doctrine of the Trinity is knowable only be special revelation. It is not possible for an explanation or comparison from any other source to serve as a true representation of this doctrine. Isaiah 40:18; 46:5; 1 Corinthians 2:10—13; John 1:18

We reject any teaching which subordinates any person of the Godhead as to substance, power or glory. John 1:1—2; Acts 5:3—4 The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, proceeds from the Father and the Son, and is truly God, of the same substance, equal in power and glory with the Father and the Son. He is to be believed in, loved, obeyed and worshipped by men in all ages. 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 14:26; Matthew 28:19; Luke

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1:35; Hebrews 10:29; Revelation 22:17; Ephesians 2:18—22; John 16:7; Galatians 4:6; Acts 5:3, 4; Acts 16:6, 7; Mark 3:29; Romans 8:26, 27; 1 John 2:20—27

The Holy Spirit, as the giver of life, is everywhere present and makes manifest the grace of God toward all His creatures. He supplies man's powers of reason and conscience, restrains his disposition toward evil, and preserves a degree of justice and morality in society. His common work for all mankind does not regenerate but leaves those who reject God without excuse. Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4; Psalm 104:30; Job 34:14—15; Genesis 6:3; Isaiah 32:15—17; Romans 1:20

The special work of the Holy Spirit is to apply to the elect the redeeming benefits of Christ's atonement. The outward and ordinary means through which He communicates the Knowledge of redemption is the written Word, in which is infallibly recorded the will of God for man's salvation. He prepares for the reception of the Word and accompanies it with His persuasive power. He regenerates the elect by His grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance and persuades and enables them to embrace Christ through faith. In regeneration He works secretly, supernaturally and effectually. This work is in itself so distinct and necessary,

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that without it, no evidence of the truth of the Gospel, no power of argument, no persuasion of love or of terror, no human eloquence, no combination of the most favorable circumstances, can be effectual in producing salvation. John 3:1—8; Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:3; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Samuel 23:2; John 7:39; John 16:13; Titus 3:5; Ezekiel 36:27; 1 John 4:2; Galatians 4:6; 2 Thessalonians 2:13

The Holy Spirit in uniting all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their Comforter, guiding, teaching and performing in them all those gracious activities by which they are sancfified and sealed unto the day of redemption. His guidance and teaching cannot contradict anything written in God's Word: but makes known the will of God to his people through prayer and submission to the Word. Romans 8:14: 8:26, 27; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16; Ephesians 4:30; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 15:4; John 16:3-11

We reject the teaching that inner light, dreams, visions or charismatic gifts provide a new, more advanced or infallible revelation of God.

The sin against the Holy Spirit which will not be forgiven, commonly called the unpardonable sin, is the final—secret or open—rejection of His testimony concerning Jesus Christ. It is a sin

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unto death, because it is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, and because, by its very nature, it is the willful and persistent rejection of the only hope of forgiveness through the Savior. On the other hand, the fear of having committed this sin, together with an earnest desire for fellowship with God in Christ, give evidence that this sin has not been committed. 1 Thess. 5:19; Acts 7:51; Hebrews 10:26-29; Matthey 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:3; 1 John 5:16; Hebrews 6:4-6; 1 John 2:22; 1 John 4:3; Isaiah 50:10; 1 John 1:7: Hebrews 6:9-11

The Holy Spirit, abiding in believers, unites them to Christ, the Head, and to one another in the Church which is His body. He imparts various gifts and graces to all her members that they may serve Christ. He calls and fits His servants for their work, and qualifies all officers of the church for their particular tasks. He makes effective the Word and the ordinances of the Gospel. By Christ working through His Spirit, the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and, at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God to all eternity. Ephesians 2:14-18; Ephesians 4:1-5; Acts 2:4; 1 Corinthians 12: Acts 13:2; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 1 Thess. 1:5, 6; John 20:22, 23; Matt. 16:18: 28:19, 20

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We reject the view that the work of the Holy Spirit is limited to individuals. Revelation 2:11

We reject the teaching that some true believers have not received the Holy Spirit.

We reject the teaching that particular charismatic gifts such as those of tongues and of healing are normal or necessary signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 3: Of God's Eternal Decree (Larger Catechism: 12–14; Shorter Catechism: 7–8)

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1. God from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

We reject any teaching which asserts that God has not planned all that comes to pass.

2. Although God knows whatsoever may or can come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet hath He not decreed anything because He foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions.

It is God's decree which by itself completely determines the course of history; it is never the course of history which in any way determines or modifies God's decree.

- 3. By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated into everlasting life, and others fore-ordained to everlasting death.
- 4. These angels and men, thus predestined and fore-ordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number is so certain and definite, that it cannot be either increased or diminished.
- 5. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen, in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving Him thereunto: and all to the praise of His glorious grace.
- 6. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so hath He, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, fore-ordained all the means thereunto. Wherefore they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ, are effectually called unto faith in Christ by His Spirit working in due season, are jusfified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by His power through faith unto salvation. Neither are any other

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redeemed by Christ, effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect only.

- 7. The rest of mankind God was pleased according to the unsearchable counsel of His own will, whereby He extendeth or witholdeth mercy, as He pleaseth, for the glory of His sovereign power over His creatures, to pass by; and to ordain them to dishonour and wrath, for their sin, to the praise of His glorious justice.
- 8. The doctrine of this high mystery or predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care, that men attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may, from the certainty of their effectual vocation, be assured of their eternal election. So shall this doctrine afford matter of praise, reverence, and admiration of God, and of humility, diligence, and abundant consolation to all that sincerely obey the Gospel.

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We reject the teaching that God is unjust in choosing some sinners to salvation and leaving others to suffer merited condemnation.

Chapter 5: Of Providence (Larger Catechism: 18-20 and 142 Shorter Catechism: 11-12)

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1. God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence,

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We reject all theories of the continuation or dissolution of the universe due to any other cause than the will of the Creator.

according to His infallible fore-knowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness and mercy.

- 2. Although, in relation to the fore-knowledge and decree of God, the first Cause, all things come to pass immutably, and infallibly: yet, by the same providence He ordereth them to fall out, according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.
- 3. God in His ordinary providence maketh use of means, yet is free to work without, above, and against them at His pleasure.
- 4. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that it extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sins of angels and men; and that not by a bare permission, but such as hath joined with it a most wise and powerful bounding, and otherwise ordering and governing of them, in a manifold dispensation to His own holy ends; yet so, as the sinfulness thereof proceedeth only from the creature,

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God's providence should lead the believer to be patient in adversity and thankful in prosperity, resting confidently in his Lord. He is to seek to understand the meaning and purpose of God's dealings with him in the light of the Word of God. Deut. 29:29; 1 Thess. 5:18; 2 Cor 1:3—5; Amos 4:6—12.

We reject the belief that God does not exercise His providence in all parts of His creation, and in all actions of His creatures; or that some areas of life are controlled by so-called luck or chance. Amos 3:6

Gambling is a sin against God because it denies His providential care and increases dependence on the erroneous notion of luck or chance. It involves and encourages greed and the desire to get something for nothing at the expense of others. Its satanic character is demonstrated in the way it obsesses individuals. Some examples of unwarrented gambling the Christian should avoid are lotteries, bingo for gain, wagerings, raffles and bets. Many of the same objections may be brought against sweepstakes, door prizes, drawings and other similar practices. The church should testify against the dependence of public agencies on revenues derived from gambling

and not from God, who, being most holy and righteous, neither is, nor can be, the author or approver of sin.

- 5. The most wise, righteous, and gracious God doth often times leave for a season His own children to manifold temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption, and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and, to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon Himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.
- 6. As for those wicked and ungodly men whom God, as a righteous ludge, for former sins doth blind and harden, from them He not only withholdeth His grace, whereby they might have been enlightened in their understandings, and wrought upon in their hearts; but sometimes also withdraweth the gifts which they had, and exposeth them to such objects as their corruption makes occasions of sin: and, withal, gives them over to their own lusts, the temptations of the world, and the power of Satan: whereby it comes to pass that they harden themselves,

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sources. 2 Thess. 3:9, 10; Prov. 15:27; 16:33; Exo. 20:15, 17; I Tim. 6:9—11

Satan has power in the world which includes: predictions of the future, signs and wonders

even under those means which God useth for the softening of others.

7. As the providence of God doth in general reach to all creatures, so after a most special manner it taketh care of His Church, and disposeth all things to the good thereof.

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that deceive, and possession of persons. Satan often duplicates that which belongs to God even to the establishment of churches that serve him. Therefore Christians are to flee the working of Satan in such things as fortune telling, horoscopes, astrology, palmistry, witchcraft, conjurings, seances, drug experiences and Satan worship. 2 Kings 23:24; Acts 16:16; Eph. 6:12; Lev. 20:27; 1 Peter 5:8, 9; Daniel 4:7; Isa. 47:12—15; Deut. 18:10—14; 2 Thess. 2:8—10; Rev. 2:11.

Chapter 6: Of the Fall of Man, of Sin and of the Punishment Thereof (Larger Catechism: 21-29; 149-152; Shorter Catechism: 13-19; 82-84)

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- 1. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtilty and temptation of Satan, sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin God was pleased, according to His wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to His own glory.
- 2. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.
- 3. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed, and the same death in

sin and corrupted nature conveyed, to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation.

- 4. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.
- 5. This corruption of nature, during this life, doth remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be, through Christ, pardoned and mortified, yet both itself and all the motions thereof are truly and properly sin.
- 6. Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God, and contrary thereunto, doth in its own nature, bring guilt upon the sinner; whereby he is bound over to the wrath of God, and curse of the law, and so made subject to death, with all miseries spiritual, temporal, and eternal.

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This corruption of man's nature is commonly called total depravity. Two examples in the Scripture demonstrate that being human is not equivalent to being sinful: that of Adam before the fall and of Christ in his human nature. Since the fall, every part of man's nature is affected by sin. His understanding is darkened; he is motivated by wrong principles, is rebellious and wholly unable of his own will to love God or to obtain salvation. Natural men are not equally evil, nor as evil as they might be. They may conform to some human standards of goodness. Heb. 4:15; Gen. 6:5; Rom 5:12—17; 8:7; 3:23; 7:18; Eph. 4:18; Gen. 3:22; Mark 10:20.

Every man was created in the image of God. His life, therefore, whether he is regenerate or unregenerate, should be recognized as having value to himself, to society, and to God. Prov. 16:4; Gen. 9:5, 6; Matt. 10:29—31; Gen. 1:27; Rom. 5:7—8; Acts 17:24—29; Rom. 9:20—24.

Chapter 7: Of God's Covenant with Man (Larger Catechism: 30-36; Shorter Catechism; 16:20)

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- 1. The distance between God and the creatures is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto Him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of Him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which He hath been pleased to express by way of covenant.
- 2. The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam, and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.

We reject the teaching that Adam was not a covenant head and representative of all his descendants. We reject the view that Adam's headship involves any injustice.

By this principle of covenant headship the guilt and penalty of sin come upon all men by Adam's one sin; and by the obedience of Christ, the second covenant head, righteousness and life come upon all men who believe. Rom. 5:12—21.

3. Man by his fall having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second commonly called the covenant of grace wherein He freely offereth unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in Him that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto life His Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe.

The Covenant of Works has not been revoked. All men remain under its requirement of perfect obedience and will have to give account according to it at the last judgement. In the Covenant of Grace, Jesus Christ has fulfilled the requirements of the Covenant of Works for His people. By

- 4. This covenant of grace is frequently set forth in Scripture by the name of a Testament, in reference to the death of Jesus Christ the Testator and to the everlasting inheritance, with all things belonging to it, therein bequeathed.
- 5. This covenant was differently administered in the time of the law, and in the time of the gospel; under the law, it was administered by promises, prophecies sacrifices, circumcision, the paschal lamb, and other types and ordinances delivered to the people of the Jews, all foresignifying Christ to come: which were, for that time, sufficient and efficacious, through the operation of the Spirit, to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they had full remission of sins, and eternal salvation; and is called, the Old Testament.
- 6. Under the gospel, when Christ, the substance, was exhibited, the ordinances in which this covenant is dispensed are the preaching of the Word, and the administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper: which, though fewer in number and administered with more simplicity, and less outward glory; yet, in them, it is held forth in more fulness, evidence, and spiritual efficacy, to all nations,

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His death Christ secured the delay of the full penalty of death for sin (the second death, Rev. 20:14, 15) for all men. They therefore may enjoy the creation and have some fruitful toil in it for God's glory, even though they be rebellious against Him. This is usually called common grace. Heb. 12:14; 2 Cor 5:10, 21; Col. 1:16—20; 1 Cor. 8:6; Gen 4:20—24; Psa 76:10.

We reject the concept that God extends grace to any man apart from the atoning work of Christ. Isa. 45:1—4 with Rom. 3:21—26; Acts 17:30—31.

By the Covenant of Grace, God brings the elect into fellowship with Himself. This fellowship begins in this life when man repents and believes in Jesus Christ; it is a fuller fellowship when at death men depart to be with Christ; and it will be made perfect when believers shall be raised up in glory. 1 Thess. 4:16—17; 1 Cor. 15:52.

We reject the teaching that God will reinstate the temple and its rites and ceremonies. Heb. 9:13-10:28.

both Jews and Gentiles; and is called the New Testament. There are not therefore two covenants of grace, differing in substance, but one and the same, under various dispensations.

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We reject the teaching that salvation is or has been available in any way other than by the grace offered and confirmed in Christ. Rom. 3:20—26; Acts 4:12

Chapter 8: Of Christ the Mediator (Larger Catechism: 32-54; Shorter Catechism: 21-28)

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1. It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man; the Prophet, Priest and King, the Head and Saviour of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world; unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

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Jesus Christ, as Mediator, governs all creatures and all their actions for His own glory. Submission is due to Him from all men and angels. All men, in every possible relation and condition, are under obligation to promote His gracious purposes according to His law. The holy angels minister, under His direction, to the heirs of salvation. Eph 1:20—22; Heb 2:8; Phil 2:9—11; Ps 2; Heb 1:4.

2. The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead

Jesus Christ, as head over all things for the sake of the Church, rules in perfect wisdom and justice over all parts of His creation, including wicked men and devils. He makes them, and all their counsels and efforts, serve God's glory in the plan of redemption. Rom 8:28; Eph 1:22—23; John 17:1—5; Luke 9:26.

and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

- 3. The Lord Jesus, in His human nature thus united to the divine. was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fulness should dwell; to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety. Which office He took not unto Himself, but was thereunto called by His Father, who put all power and judgement into His hand, and gave Him commandment to execute the same.
- 4. This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; which that He might discharge, He was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfil it, endured most grievous torments immediately in His soul, and most painful sufferings in His body; was crucified, and died; was buried, and remained under the power of death; yet saw no corruption. On

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We reject any teaching that denies or obscures the truth that Jesus is both God and man in two distinct natures and one person forever.

We reject any teaching that would place any mediator between Christ and man.

It is in the office of Mediator that Christ fulfills and applies the Covenant of Grace, and in doing so, accomplishes the Covenant of Works. Heb. 1:3; 2:5—9; Col. 1:16—20; Rev. 21:24—27.

the third day He arose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered, with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of His Father, making intercession, and shall return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.

- 5. The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience, and sacrifice of Himself, which He, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto Him.
- 6. Although the work of redemption was not actually wrought by Christ till after His incarnation, yet the virtue, effiacy, and benefits thereof were communicated unto the elect in all ages successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices, wherein He was revealed, and signifies to be the seed of the woman which should bruise the serpent's head; and the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world: being yesterday and today the same, and for ever.

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We reject the teaching that all men already are in Christ and have been redeemed by Him, whether they realize it or not.

Christ did not lay down His life to atone for the sins of all mankind. nor for an indefinite number of sinners. His sacrifice was indeed sufficient to save the whole world, had it been designed to do so; but in the purpose of God and in the undertaking of Christ, it was determined that He should make atonement for those who were elected in Him to everlasting life; these only He represented, and these only shall be saved through His redemption. This truth is commonly called limited atonement or particular redemption. John 10:14-15; 26-30; 3:16; Acts 20:28; Rev. 5:9: John 17:9-10.

7. Christ, in the work of mediation, acteth according to both natures, by each nature doing that which is proper to itself: yet, by reason of the unity of the person, that which is proper to one nature, is sometimes in the Scripture attributed to the person denominated by the other nature.

8. To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption, He doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same, making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation, effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by His Word and Spirit, overcoming all their enemies by His almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to His wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.

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The reprobate, because of their connection with God's elect. who live among them, are partakers of some benefits which flow from Christ's death: divine judgements are sometimes averted for the sake of the saints: the peace and prosperity of nations are furthered by the providence of God over His people; benevolence and temperance are promoted by the church's teaching and influence; and the world is continued under its present administration until all the elect are brought to salvation. Isa. 45:1-4; Matt 5:13-14; 13:29; Isa. 65:8; Matt 24:22; Jer 29:7; Gen 39:5; Gal 6:10; Gen 18:26; Ps 75:3; Gen 9:11

Chapter 9: Of Free Will

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1. God hath endued the will of man with that natural liberty, that it is neither forced, nor by any absolute necessity of nature determined to good or evil.

- 2. Man, in his state of innocency, had freedom and power to will and to do that which was good, and well pleasing to God; but yet mutably, so that he might fall from it.
- 3. Man, by his fall into a state of sin, hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation: so as, a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin, is not able, by his own strength, to convert himself, or to prepare himself thereunto.
- 4. When God converts a sinner, and translates him into the state of grace, He freeth him from his natural bondage under sin; and, by His grace alone, enables him freely to will and to do that which is spiritually good; yet so, as that by reason of his remaining corruption, he doth not perfectly, nor only, will that which is good, but doth also will that which is evil.
- 5. The will of man is made perfectly and immutably free to good alone, in the state of glory only.

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We reject the teaching that the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration is dependent upon the exercise of man's free will.

Chapter 10: Of Effectual Calling (Larger Catechism: 66-68; Shorter Catechism: 31-32)

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Preaching the Gospel consists in the offer of salvation through Christ to sinners, accompanied with such an explanation of the various parts of God's Word as may help to persuade men to

1. All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased in His appointed and accepted time effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God; taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by His almighty power determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.

- 2. This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.
- 3. Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated, and saved by Christ through the spirit, who worketh when, and where, and

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receive Christ as Saviour, and to live and walk in Him. 2 Cor 5:20; Matt 28:20; Isa 55:1—3.

The elect are effectually called by means of the Gospel offer. This offer is not a declaration to any sinner that his name is in the Book of Life. It is founded upon God's command to offer Christ and all His benefits to sinners. There is no inconsistency between the Biblical doctrine of particular redemption and the command to offer the Gospel to all men. Deut 29:29; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46—47; 2 Tim 2:19.

We reject the teaching that the Gospel offer of salvation is freely and truly offered only to the elect. We reject the teaching that particular redemption is to be so understood and presented that Christ as Ransom and Propitiation is not preached or offered to all men indiscrininately.

how He pleaseth: so also, are all other elect persons who are uncapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word.

4. Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, and may have some common operations of the Spirit, yet they never truly come unto Christ, and therefore cannot be saved: much less can men. not professing the Christian religion, be saved in any other way whatsoever, be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, and the law of that religion they do profess. And, to assert and maintain that they may, is very pernicious, and to be detested.

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We reject the teaching that all will be effectually called and ultimately saved.

We reject the view that those who are diligent and sincere in a false religion have eternal life.

Evangelism is the proclamation of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord as He is offered in the Gospel. Christ laid the responsibility upon the whole church to make this proclamation. The task is not restricted to ordained officers. Each member is to take his share of the responsibility according to the gifts God has given him. Acts 2:36; Matt 28:18—20; John 20:21; 1 Cor 12:4—11; Eph 4:7—16

Those evangelizing should use all available means consistent with the Bible so that every person may be given the opportunity to hear, understand and receive the Gospel. While guarding against undue pressure, we must urge

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men to be reconciled to God. 1 Cor 9:20—22; 1 Cor 2:2—5; 2 Cor 5:20.

Evangelism is not only to seek the conversion of sinners but also to build them up to become effective in the church's continuing task. Col 1:27—28; Eph 4:12—15.

The Great Commission requires the Church to take the whole Gospel to the whole world. The Bible recognizes the legitimacy of diverse cultures. Every culture is to be transformed and made subject to Christ through redeemed men, all for the glory of God. Matt 28:18—20; 1 Cor 9:19—23; 10:32—33; Rev. 21:24, 26; Ps 72:10—11.

Wherever consistent with faithfulness to God's truth, different branches of the visible Church should cooperate in evangelism to strengthen their witness by demonstrating their unity in Christ. John 17:20—21.

Chapter 11: Of Justification (Larger Catechism: 70-73, 77; Shorter Catechism: 32, 33, 36)

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1. Those whom God effectually calleth, He also freely justifieth: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous, not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; nor by imputing faith itself, the act of believ-

ing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness, but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

- 2. Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and His righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification; yet it is not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but worketh by love.
- 3. Christ, by His obedience and death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are thus justified, and did make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to His Father's justice in their behalf. Yet, inasmuch as He was given by the Father for them; and His obedience and satisfaction accepted in their stead; and both freely, not for anything in them; their justification is only of free grace; that both the exact justice, and rich grace of God, might be glorified in the justification of sinners.
- 4. God did, from all eternity, decree to justify all the elect, and Christ did, in the fulness of time, die for their sins, and rise again

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Justification is a legal declaration that the sinner is acquitted from the guilt of sin; and is considered righteous before God. Although he is still an unworthy sinner, yet because he is united to Christ, he has Christ's perfect righteousness imputed to him.

Faith in Christ is the only means of justification. The imputed righteousness of Christ is the only basis for justification.

We reject the teaching that man's works have a part in his justification.

The justification of the believer does not diminish his obligation to obey divine law. Eccl 12:13; 1 Cor 9:21; Rom 6:1; 6:12—23; 3:21.

for their justification: nevertheless, they are not justified, until the Holy Spirit doth, in due time, actually apply Christ unto them.

- 5. God doth continue to forgive the sins of those that are justified; and, although they can never fall from the state of justification; yet they may, by their sins, fall under God's fatherly displeasure, and not have the light of His countenance restored unto them, until they humble themselves, confess their sins, beg pardon, and renew their faith and repentance.
- 6. The justification of believers under the old testament was, in all these respects, one and the same with the justification of believers under the new testament.

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Chapter 12: Of Adoption (Larger Catechism: 2,74; Shorter Catechism: 2, 32, 34, 36)

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All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption: by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God, have His name put upon them, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled

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All the elect, and only they, are adopted into the family of God. The adoption of saints under the Old Testament dispensation was as real as that under the New Testament, although they were regarded as children under age. Under the New Testament God bestows His Spirit more abundantly. He gives more knowledge of, and intimacy with, Himself. He

to cry, Abba, Father, are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by Him as by a father; yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

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receives on equal grounds those from every part of the world. He allows greater boldness in approaching Him. Eph 1:5; Gal 3:9; Heb 13:9, 10; Rom 9:4; Jer 3:4; Gal 4:1—5; Matt 11:11; 2 Cor 3:10—18; Rom 9:26; Ps 72:17.

Justification and adoption, although inseparably connected, are nevertheless distinct from one another. They are both acts of God's free grace. They are both performed once, and not repeated. They both spring from the grace of God; both give a right to all the privileges of the sons of God; and both are received through faith alone. John 1:12; Tit 3:7; 1 John 3:1; Jer 3:19; Gal 3:26; Rom 8:15—17

Justification applies to believers as those who were guilty, and in a state of condemnation, but whose sins are now pardoned, and they are accounted righteous. Adoption applies to believers as those who were aliens and strangers to God. They were children of wrath, but by this gracious act are brought near unto God and made the children of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Eph. 2:2-3; 2 Cor 6:17-18; 1 Pet 5:7; Heb 12:28; Rom 8:17; Ps 16:5; Eph 1:7; Gal 4:7. There is a sense in which God is

the Father of all men, because He created them. They are therefore obligated to love and seek the welfare of one another; yet to the redeemed alone belongs the

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right to be called the sons of God. Acts 17:29; Matthew 5:44—45; John 1:12; 1 John 3:1; Romans 8:14.

We reject the common conception of the universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of men, which denies the distinction between the saved and the unsaved. 1 John 2:23; John 8:44.

We reject the teaching that sonship, conferred in adoption, will ever be annulled by God.

Chapter 13: Of Sanctification (Larger Catechism 75-78; Shorter Catechism 35-36)

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God's work of sanctification is designed to restore the whole person after the image of God. The moral law of God, perfectly fulfilled in the life of Christ, reveals God's holiness and declares His will to man, and is therefore the standard for sanctification. Rom 8:29; 1 Thess 5:23—24.

1. They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them: the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and

more weakened and mortified; and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

- 2. This sanctification is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part: whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war; the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.
- 3 In which war, although the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail; yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome; and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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We reject the view that in this life some Christians do not sin. 1 John 1:9; 1 Tim 1:15.

Proper proclamation of the doctrine of sanctification must call believers to struggle diligently against sin. Phil 2:12—13; 2 Cor 7:1; Eph 6:10—18; Heb 12:4.

Sanctification is inseparably connected with justification, but is distinct from it. By justification the sinner is acquitted from condemnation; by sanctification he is made holy, and prepared for the happiness of heaven. Justification is complete at once, and equal in all believers; sanctification is neither equal in all, nor perfect in any, while in this life. Nevertheless, all who are

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justified shall be completely sanctified. 2 Cor 5:17; Rom 8:1–2; 2 Thess 2:13; Rom 7:19, 21; Phil 1:6; Heb 12:23; Eph 5:27; 1 Thess 5:23–24.



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Washington—500 S. Ave. "D", Washington, IA 52353. Phone 319-653-3101.

Pastor: S. Ray Blair, 705 S. Ave. "B", Washington, IA 52353. Phone: 319-653-3855. Installed 1957.

Clerk of Session: George Masson, Jr., 731 S. Marion Ave., Washington, IA 52353. Phone: 319-653-4352.

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Denison - Denison, Kansas 66419. (no phone).

Pastor: J. Edward Hindman, Box 76, Denison, Kansas 66419. Phone: 913-935-2394. Installed 1977.

Clerk: Merlin Wing, Rt. 1, Box 71, Mayetta, Kansas 66509. Phone: 913-935-2362.

Treasurer: Stewart Robb, Rt. 1, Box 87, Mayetta, Kansas 66509. Phone: 913-966-2733.

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Pastor: E. Raymond Hemphill, 1505 Tenth Ave., Greeley, Colorado 80631. Phone: 303-352-1912

Clerk: Philip Kennedy, P.O. Box 16, Pierce, Colorado 80650. Phone: 303-834-2223.

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Clerk: Neal K. Mann, 1722 Donald Dr., Hays, Kansas 67601. Phone: 913-628-2195.

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S.S. Supt.: None.

Hebron—Idana, Kansas 67453. (no phone) (voted to move to Clay Center)

Pastor: J. Bruce Martin, 812 Crawford, Clay Center, Kansas 67432. Phone: 913-632-2458. Installed 1976.

Clerk: Russell James, R.R. 5, Clay Center, Kansas 67432. Phone: 913-632-5016.

Treasurer: Dale McMahan, Rt. 1, Idana, Kansas 67453. Phone: 913-632-5079.

S.S. Supt.: Mae Henderson, Idana, Kansas 67453. (no phone)

Hot Springs—316 Myrtle Ave., Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901. Phone: 505-894-6575.

Pastor:

Correspondent: Mrs. Anna P. McKelvy, 725 Wyona St., Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901. Phone: 505-894-6002.

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Lawrence—3312 23rd St., Lawrence, Kansas 66044. Phone 913-842-5797.

Pastor: Ronald H. Stegall, 2569 Cedarwood, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. Phone: 913-842-3842. Installed 1976.

Clerk: Robert E. Catloth, 2232 Marvonne Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. Phone: 913-842-6805.

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S.S. Supt.: Chris Wright, 1517 W. 9th St., Lawrence, Kansas 66044. Phone: 913-841-2823.

Minneola - Minneola, Kansas 67865. Phone: 316-885-4346.

Pastor: D. Raymond McCracken, Box 424, Minneola, Kansas 67865. Phone: 316-885-4755. Installed 1976.

Clerk: Archie McKissick, Minneola, Kansas 67865. Phone: 316-885-4402.

Treasurer: Mrs. Reed Hindman, Minneola, Kansas 67865. Phone: 316-885-4602.

S.S. Supt.: Mark Hindman, Minneola, Kansas 67865. Phone: 316-885-4602.

Park City—6300 Tarrytown, Wichita, Kansas 67219. Phone: 316-774-1305.

Pastor:

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Treasurer: Robert Maine, 1336 Stony Point, Wichita, Kansas 67209. Phone: 316-722-3001.

S.S. Supt.: Sam Wilkey, 1936 Mentor, Wichita, Kansas 67213. Phone 316-264-4816.

Quinter—Seventh and Gove Streets, Quinter, Kansas 67752. Phone 913-754-3406.

Pastor: Robert H. McFarland, 711 Gove St., Quinter, Kansas 67752. Phone: 913-754-3406. Installed 1966.

Clerk: Waldo McBurney, Quinter, Kansas 67752. Phone: 913-754-3534.

Treasurer: Mrs. Garry Roberts, Quinter, Kansas 67752. Phone: 913-754-3635

S.S. Supt.: James Mann, Quinter, Kansas 67752. Phone: 913-754-3755.

Shawnee—P.O. Box 3427 (6835 Pflumm Road) Shawnee Kansas 66203. Phone: 913-631-1991.

Pastor: Jerrold S. Milroy, 5315 W. 79th Terrace, Prairie Village, Kansas. Phone: 913—649-0650. Installed 1977. Send church mail to church address.)

Clerk: R. Paul Wright, M.D., 9119 D Riggs Lane, Overland Park, Kansas 66212. Phone: 913-649-2129.

Treasurer: Richard M. Hemphill, 4902 Belinder Ave., Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205. Phone: 913-236-9574.

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Sterling-Sterling, Kansas 67579. Phone: 316-278-3507.

Pastor: Bruce R. Backensto, R.R. 2, Box 4, Sterling, Kansas 67579. Phone: 316-278-2691. Installed 1972.

Clerk: James R. Humphreys, R.R. 2, Sterling, Kansas 67579. Phone 316-278-2360.

Treasurer: James McCrory, R.R. 2, Sterling Kansas 67579. Phone: 316-278-2397.

S.S. Supt.: John Wilkey, 217 S. 5th, Sterling, Kansas 67579. Phone: 316-278-3182.

Superior-Beulah—423 E. 5th, Superior, Nebraska 68978. (no phone) Pastor: T. M. Hutcheson, 456 Dakota, Superior, Nebraska 68978.

Phone: 402-879-3167. Installed 1977.

Clerk: Kenneth Hurd, 1144 Idaho, Superior, Nebraska 68978. Phone: 402-879-3389

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Topeka—2121 Fairlawn Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604. Phone: 913-272-1940.

Pastor: D. Howard Elliott, D.D., 2007 Crest Dr., Topeka, Kansas 66604. Phone: 913-272-2554. Installed 1964.

Clerk: Dr. Joe McFarland, 2709 Boswell, Topeka, Kansas 66611. Phone: 913-233-3985.

Treasurer: Walter Bates, 550 N. E. Edgewood Dr., Topeka, Kansas 66617. Phone: 913-288-0337.

S.S. Supt.: Dr. Joe McFarland, (same as clerk above)

Westminster—4455 W. 112th Ave., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 303-469-0761.

Pastor: J. Paul McCracken, 8823 Princeton St., Westminster, Colorado 80030. Phone: 303-427-1352. Installed 1974.

Clerk: Arlan Ramsay, 4495 Ottawa Place, Boulder, Colorado 80303. Phone: 303-494-4872.

Treasurer: John Duke, 6991 W. 48th Ave., Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033. Phone: 303-420-4430.

S.S. Supt.:

Winchester - Winchester, Kansas 66097. (no phone)

Pastor: J. Renwick Wright, D.D., Box 1 A, Winchester, Kansas 66097. Phone: 913-774-4585. Installed 1975.

Clerk: Robert C. Keys, Sr., M.D., Winchester, Kansas 66097. Phone: 913-774-4570.

Treasurer: Mrs. Hazel Sass, Winchester, Kansas 66097. Phone: 913-774-2810.

S.S. Supt.: Mr. Scott Milroy, Winchester, Kansas 66097. Phone: 913-774-4270.

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Harold F. Thompson, 775 S. Alton Way, Apt. 10-C, Denver, Colorado 80231

Boyd A. White, Box 567, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901 Paul D. White, Quinter, Kansas 67752

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Broomall—25 Lawrence Road, Broomall, Pa. 19008. Phone: 215-353-1271

Pastor: H. B. Harrington, 27 Lawrence Rd., Broomall, Pa. Phone: 215-356-9442. Installed 1968.

Assoc. Pastor: William H. Cornell, 205 Bridge St., Phoenixville, Pa. 19460. Phone: 215-935-9648. Installed 1975.

Clerk of Session: Marshall Smith, 2634 Kirk Ave., Broomall, Pa. 19008. Treasurer: Mrs. Robert D. Edgar, 733 Lindale Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa. 19026.

S.S. Supt.: Donald B. Willson, Ph.D.

Cambridge - 53 Antrim St., Cambridge, Mass. 02139 (Mail to parsonage)

Pastor: Waldo Mitchel, D.D., 106 Antrim St., Cambridge, Mass. 02139. Phone: 617-876-4988. Installed 1972.

Clerk of Session: C. Frederic Millican, 410 Woburn St. Lexington, Mass. 02173.

Treasurer: Mrs. C. Frederic Millican, (same as above)

S.S. Supt.: Thomas R. Smyth, 226 Erie St., Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

Coldenham-Newburgh—Coldenham Rd., R.D. 2, Walden, N.Y. 12586.

Pastor: Robert W. McMillan, R.D. 2, Box 337, Walden, N.Y. 12586. Phone: 914-564-3924. Installed 1976.

Clerk of Session: Philip Shafer, Station St., Pine Bush, N.Y. 1256.
Treasurer: Helen McGinnis, R.D. 1, New Road, Montgomery, N.Y. 12549

Elkins Park—Cypruss and Cadwalader Ave., Elkins Park, Pa. 19117. Phone: 215-887-9188.

Pastor: Charles S. Sterrett, 8344 Cadwalader Ave., Elkins Park, Pa. 19117. Phone: 215-635-0680. Installed 1969.

Clerk of Session: Walter McClay, Coventry House, Apt. B11, 8048 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19111.

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New York City - 1932 Walton Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10453. (Send mail to Box 225, Bronx, N.Y. 10453)

Pastor: G. W. Price, 21 Executive Lane, Willingboro, N.J. 08046. Phone: 609-877-6513. Installed 1970. (Currently on Leave.)

Clerk of Session: Richard B. Weir, 18 Midland Ave., Bronxville, N.Y.

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Easton Area Fellowship — 1839 Bushkill Dr., Easton, Pa. 18042.

Pastor: Ralph E. Joseph, 3017 Swanson St., Easton, Pa. 18042. Phone: 215-253-8089. Service begun 1973.

Montclair - 72 Gates Ave., Montclair, N.J. 07042.

Correspondent: Bruce L. Martin, 32 Woodlawn Ave., Glen Ridge, N.J. 07028. Phone: 201-748-6489.

Treasurer: Miss Mary Jane Park, 2 Godfrey Rd., Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043.

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White Lake—White Lake, N.Y. 12786

Correspondent and Treasurer: Mrs. Victor Lynn, White Lake, N.Y. 12786

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Belle Center-Belle Center, Ohio 43310.

Pastor: Robert Ulrich, Box 395, Belle Center, Ohio 43310. Phone: 513-464-3722. Installed 1975.

Clerk of Session: Wilbur Keys, Rt. 2, Belle Center, Ohio 43310. Phone: 513-464-4157.

Treasurer: Paul McDonald, Bellefontain, Ohio 43311. Phone: 513-592-0200.

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Pastor:

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Treasurer: Lawrence Curry, 107 Johnson Ave., Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Phone: 812-339-9258.

S.S. Supt.: c/o Mrs. Lawrence Curry, S.S. Sec.

Chicago—Meeting at the home of either Miss Ruby Sinclair or Mr. Roger Robb.

Pastor:

Clerk of Session: Provisional Session—contact Ray Joseph, Moderator, 1013 Hillcrest Road, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

Treasurer: Mr. Roger Robb, 7932 Glenwood, Highland, Indiana 46322. Phone: 219-923-8871.

S.S. Supt.: c/o Roger Robb.

Hetherton-Johannesburg, Michigan 49751

Pastor:

Clerk of Session: Ed Roby, Box 233, Johannesburg, Michigan 49751. Phone: 517-786-2383.

Treasurer: Mrs. Fern Leino, Box 191B, Johannesburg, Mich. 49751. Phone: 517-876-2690.

S.S. Supt.: Ed Roby, same as above.

Leonard Harrington, Box 213, Johannesburg, Mich. 49751.

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Pastor: Roy Blackwood, Jr., Ph.D., 6487 North Park Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana 46220. Phone: 317-251-4738. Installed 1966.

Clerk of Session: Donald H. Millinix, 1614 Guildhall Court, Indianapolis, Indiana 46269. Phone: 317-844-3416.

Treasurer: Douglas Jesch, 6410 Evanston, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220. Phone: 317-259-8030.

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Oakdale - Oakdale, Illinois 62268. Phone: 618-329-5283.

Pastor: Robert Henning, Oakdale, Ill. 62268. Phone: 618-329-5283. Installed 1971.

Clerk of Session: Preston Carson, Oakdale, Ill. 62268. Phone: 618-329-5232.

Treasurer: William Auld, Oakdale, Ill. 62268. S.S. Supt.: Robert Piper, Oakdale, Ill. 62268.

Ogemaw-West Branch, Michigan 48661.

Pastor: Marion L. McFarland, 1683 Rau Road, West Branch, Michigan 48661. Phone: 517-345-3288. Installed 1976.

Clerk of Session: R. Paul Mathews, 2195 Maes Road, West Branch, Michigan 48661. Phone: 517-345-3116.

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S.S. Supt.: Dave McFarland, 1683 Rau Rd., West Branch, Mich. 48661.

Orlando—The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Florida, Inc., 324 East Livingston Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. Phone: 305-843-4361.

Pastor: James M. Wright, 2905 Gulf Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32806. Phone: 305-898-2553. Installed 1970.

Acting Clerk of Session: Edward A. Forest, 719 Maxwell Ave., Orlando, Fla. 32804. Phone: 305-425-7710.

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Selma—625 Jeff Davis Avenue, Selma, Alabama 36701. Phone: 205-875-7692.

Pastor: Godfrey Franklin, 625 Jeff Davis Avenue, Selma, Alabama 36701. Phone: 205-875-7692.

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Southfield—26550 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Michigan 48076. Phone: 313-356-3932.

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Pastor: Robert W. Morrow, 411 N. Vine Street, Sparta, Illinois 62286.

Phone: 618-443-3419. Installed 1975.

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Pastor: Raymond P. Joseph, 1013 Hillcrest Rd., West Lafayette, Ind. 47906. Phone: 317-463-4260. Installed 1969.

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- Pastor: James D. Carson, D.D., 230 Cherry Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105. Phone: 213-793-8610. Installed 1973.
- Clerk of Session: James R. Honeyman, 2610 Upper Terrace, La Crescenta, CA 91214. Phone: 213-248-6159.
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- Pastor: Paul M. Martin, 4431 N. Longview, Phoenix, AZ 85014. Phone: 602-266-1454. Installed 1972.
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- Pastor: Donald Weilersbacher, 3832 Loma Alta Drive, San Diego, CA 92115. Phone: 714-582-0867. Installed 1969.
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- Pastor: Donald Piper, 6547 20th Avenue, N.E. Seattle, WA 98115. Phone: 206-522-3187. Installed 1977.
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College Hill Redpath: Mrs. John McIsaac, 2829 Fourth Ave., Beaver Falls. Pa. 15010.

Eastvale: Mrs. Joyce Knight, 309 2nd Ave., Eastvale, Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010.

First Beaver Falls: Mrs. Corrine Patterson, 3421 6th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010.

Four-Mile: Mrs. Betty Weinacht, 4265 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, Pa. 15009.

Geneva (Lillian McCracken WMS): Mrs. Stewart McCready, 4433 4th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010.

Geneva Guild: Mrs. Rose Weir, 3107 Rear 4th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa. 15009.

Manchester: Miss W. Joyce Blair, 642 C Glenn Scott Drive, Glenshaw, Pa. 15116.

New Alexandria: Mrs. Olive Beatty, R.D. 1, Derry Road, New Alexandria, Pa. 15070.

North Hills: no report

Rose Point (Mary Jane Soc.): Miss Mary Jane Wilson, R.D. 2, Portersville, Pa. 16051.

Rose Point (Rosettes): Miss Ruth Mitchell, R.D. 2, Volant, Pa. 16156.

Rose Point (WMS): discontinued

Wilkinsburg: Mrs. Robert Fisher, 738 Kelly Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221.

WOMAN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS — COMBINED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED, JANUARY 6, 1977

	BALANCE January 8, 1976	Adjusted Balance, 9-1-1976	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE January 6, 1977
Contingent Fund Life and Memorial Fund	\$ 1.029.33 797.20	\$ 929.33 897.10	\$ 1,437.97 879.49	\$ 1,755.65 500.00	\$ 611.65 1.276.59
Thankoffering Fund	4,132.87	4,132.87	22,913.67	27,047.34	80
Special Projects fund Designated Funds	480.07 670.45	980.07 170.45	1,881.10 5,009.12	2,241.75 5,009.12	619.42 170.45
Less Inter-fund transfer			(25.00	25.00)	
Total	\$ 7,109.82	\$ 7,109.82	\$32,096.35	\$36,528.86	\$ 2,677.31

	BANK	ACCOU	NTS			
Union National Bank of Pittsburgh - Checking						
Contingent Fund \$ 1,029. Life and Memorial	.33 \$	929.33	\$ 1,437.97	\$ 1,755.65	\$	611.65
fund		0		500.00 27,047.34 4,368.05)		
				2,241.75 5,009.12		
Total \$ 2,429. Less Inter-fund transfer First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Beaver Falls - Savings Thankoffering Fund	85 \$	2,429.85	\$31,856.68 (25.00		\$	2,100.72
(Transfer from checking act Life Memorial Fund \$ 547.	count		7,738.72	\$12,106.77 7,758.72)		0 576.59
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Mrs. Willard Hemphill Treasurer

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Marion	67	55	35 20	2	~	6	2	00			63		17	20	4	2	36	31	o.V.	Yes	1,361	2,580	15, 136	17,716	8, 799	1,406		7,664	17,869	1,208	13,708	10,
Morning Sun	21	20 2	20				-		7					-	2	2	10	9	No	Yes	206		10,445	10,445	2,650	2,000		3, 184	7,834	3, 117		2,
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Sterling	114	115	59 2	26 3	5	1	-	-	5	-	-	-		S	6	7	10	67	09	12	Yes	7,354		59,756	59,756	9, 100	6,350			524 54,98	983 12.1	127		9,200
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Belle Center	35	34	35	2							-				1	0.3	27	26	30	ħ	Yes	2,177		13,760	13,760	7,500	000 2,000		2	12,502	m	13,	100
Bloomington	107	105	83	24		1			-	n					3	2	7	54	42	No	Yes	569		27,859	27,859	10,220	0,830	3,144	1 6,062	25,256	6 3,172	15,	255 10,
Chicago	65	34	25	6	-									318	31	90	2	11	1.1	No.	No	827		14,484	14,484		2,684	1,291	3,05	7,026	6 8, 285	5	
Hetherton	25	5.1	38	13			3		0		64	-		-	7	2	3	38	32	o'N	Yes	3, 174		10,873	10,873	4,751	1 529		8,368	13,648	399	6	9,
Indianapolis	146	151	112	39	21	00	-		10	-		77	7		2	10	0	135	130	No	No	4,798		67,391	67,391	15,600	2,500	3,685	5 45,093	3 66,878	8 5,311	12,	000 16,
Oakdale	7.1	65	89	9	03		-		3	0	2	21			6	9	4	40	38	Yea	Yes	2,907		25,549	25, 549	9,600	2,815	5 4,411	7,600	0 24,426	6 4,030	0	10
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Selma	110	95	93	C)		01			2	-		16			17	00	9	63	30	80	Yes	1,267	7,992	7,522	15,514	3,895		1,812	10,748	8 16,455	326	9	00
Southfield	61	57	41	16		1		-		61	-	-			4	2	2	50	42	4	Yes	22,388		26, 155		11,000	4,000	2,287		3 24,800	23,	3 e	11,
Sparta	43	49	38	11	1	3	2		9						0	S	2	38	34	No	Yes	1,060		23, 733	23, 733	10,500	000 9	1,563	5,662	2 23,725	5 1,068	8 23, 544	11,
West Lafayette	90	63	20	13	0	+	97	5	00		ro.				S	63	0	09	50	No	Yes	2,013	1,168	34,088	35,256	12,000	360	300	23,820	0 36,480	0 789	9 3,263	3 12,
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Eastvale	106 10	104 82	23		-	*7			10			S		-	t~	17	~	54	55	10	Yes	2,042		23,071			2,	395 1,1	xô.	060	244	3,869	1, 112	10,30
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